

Minister against banning cane: £20m more for GCSE books and equipment

EDUCATION BILL Conservative MPs would be allowed a free vote on whether to retain or abolish corporal punishment in state schools in England and Wales, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said in his first major speech to MPs since taking up his new job, when he moved the second reading of the Education Bill...

that would extend to Scotland, where abolition has long been the policy. It would be appropriate for me, as Secretary of State for Education and Science, to make my own personal views known. Retention or abolition should be essentially up to the governing body, head and parents.



Baker: I will vote for corporal punishment

It was important to remember that sexual relationships should be an element of wider personal relationships. It was crucially important to emphasize the moral dimension as well as the value of family life. This was a difficult task for teachers and the parents must be involved. A draft circular on sex education in schools which was shortly to be published would emphasize that parents should be given the opportunity to see for themselves the teaching materials to be used. It was also important that pupils should be helped to recognize the physical and emotional risks of sexual procreancy.

We owe it (he said) to the next generation to build up children's respect for healthy family life. I hope this clause will do that. There was considerable public unease about the way in which certain people had been denied the right of freedom of speech at some universities and polytechnics. MPs had been excluded from universities and physically threatened and attacked. This sort of campus censorship was unacceptable. The Government proposed to move amendments safeguarding freedom of speech in higher education. The House would then be able to consider the various interests of principle and practice which arose.

It was his sincere wish that a spirit of partnership rather than one of confrontation could soon be restored between the teachers and those who set the framework and secured the resources. The key role of local authorities could be fully effective only if it was informed by systematic appraisal of teachers. The purpose of appraisal was to help all teachers realise their full professional potential by providing them with better job satisfaction, more appropriate in-service training and better planned career development.

as the HMI warned, the crisis in the schools could not be overcome nor the demand for raising standards met without substantial extra funding for buildings, books and equipment, teacher training and teachers' pay. The Bill committed no specific resources to education but he congratulated the new Secretary of State on his decision to announce more resources for the GCSE examination.

Every week he visited schools in different parts of the country. Moral in staff rooms was at an all time low. Unless the Government ensured teachers' efforts were properly appreciated and rewarded then all the clauses in the Bill designed to improve teacher quality would prove ineffective.

The Labour Party strongly supported the increase in the number of parent representatives, but the Bill still did not do enough to recognize the need for partnership and balance. Teachers were under-represented and there was no provision for pupil representation. He did not believe a general clause in this manner really helped to ensure sex education was properly taught in schools.

Mr Patrick McLoughlin (Deputy Secretary of State) in his speech, said although there were some bad teachers who should be removed or retrained, the vast majority were excellent and dedicated. They needed their reward. But it was not for them to throw money at the problem. This was a good Bill providing for a fundamental shift in government in the management of their schools. Schools had to be seen not as political football, but as places where study could take place without political indoctrination.

Thatcher says Rolls has to compete

AERO-ENGINES

It did not good for the efficiency of British industry to protect it from foreign competition, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said after being questioned about the purchase of aircraft engines by British Airways. She also reaffirmed the pledge that British Airways plans to buy £700 million worth of them from America.

The subject was first raised by Mr Nicholas Leaver of the Opposition, who asked: Can she give an undertaking that she will use the full powers of her Government to ensure that British Airways' huge engine order places in Britain. Mrs Thatcher: British Airways have asked all three major aero-engine manufacturers to provide quotations - as they usually do when considering a new aircraft type.

When they have considered the evaluations and made a judgement about how many of the aircraft they wish to acquire, they will put their proposals for approval to the Secretary of State for Transport. There are reciprocal arrangements between General Electric, Pratt and Whitney and Rolls-Royce. The essential thing is that Britain wins orders on merit and performance.

Baker reaffirms commitment to university sector

FUNDING

Mr Kenneth Baker, in his first Commons question time appearance as Secretary of State for Education and Science, reaffirmed his commitment to a very strong university sector. He also reaffirmed the pledge of his predecessor, Sir Keith Joseph, that the Government would consider additional resources for universities if they demonstrated commitment to the pursuit of improvements in academic standards and cost effectiveness. Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab) had asked what recent representations Mr Baker had received about resources for universities and polytechnics.

Mr Baker: I have received representations from the University Grants Committee, the National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education, institutions of higher education, MPs and individuals. Mr Patrick Corcoran (South Staffordshire, Con) asked Mr Baker how confident he was in the competence of Britain's vice-chancellors? If so can he tell us how many of them are happy with the recent allocation? Mr Baker: Some of them, yes. I have confidence in some. I do not know them all yet. Those that I have met seem decent chaps (Laughter).

I have already met the Committee of Vice-Chancellors. During the next few weeks and months I will be meeting many of them, and of course the UGC, to discuss the level of university funding. Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab) asked: what changes does the allocation of resources by the UGC to university departments is on the basis of research only without any reference to the standard of teaching? Mr Baker: I think the UGC report on the relevant merits of various types of research is a very interesting document. I agree that it does not take into account the teaching of the universities. That is something that has to be considered in the full round of the funds that are available to universities.

Minister denies plans to close universities

Replying in other exchanges to Opposition charges of expenditure cuts, Mr George Walder, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, told MPs that he knew of no plans to close universities. Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) asked: what are the criteria which will be used to decide which universities should be closed? Mr Walder: The Government has no intention of closing any of our universities. The Government has a duty to ensure that our universities are as good as they can be. It is in the interests of the country that we should have a high standard of university education.

Absence causes a stir

Reports of divided opinions on defence policy between the two halves of the Alliance were responsible for loud laughter from all sides when Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, rose to ask the Prime Minister a question in the Commons. Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, who usually speaks for the Alliance at Prime Minister's question time on Tuesdays, was absent from the chamber and Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said, amid the noise and pointing to Mr Steel: It was Owen's turn today! There was renewed laughter when it became apparent that Mr Steel's question was unrelated to defence issues. He said: Now that the Foreign Secretary (Sir Geoffrey Howe) and my former policy adviser, Sir John Hoskins, have both

Good women needed for residuary bodies

HOUSE OF LORDS

A Government minister was accused during question time in the House of Lords of being offensive and patronising in his remarks about women in public life. The exchange began when Lord Elton, Minister of State for the Environment, was asked by Lady Stedman (SDP) whether and when the Government proposed to appoint any women to the residuary bodies following abolition of the GLC and metropolitan counties. Lord Elton: The Secretary of State for the Environment (Mr Nicholas Ridley) has no plans at present to make further appointments to the residuary bodies. However, if it becomes necessary or desirable to make additional appointments, he will be guided by a person's suitability and availability; he will make no distinction between men and women for this purpose. Lady Stedman: In an earlier written answer he told me that 10 women were considered out of 220 people considered for the residuary bodies. It is surprising that only 10 women in this country might be considered for such a job with all the expertise we have among women in government and local government.

Biffen hint at restoration of lost Friday

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Opposition, made clear in the Commons that there is likely to be an extra day for private members' motions to make up for the day lost on Friday because of an all-night filibuster by Conservative backbenchers. Replying to a point of order put by Mr Peter Shore, shadow leader of the House, he indicated that when he announced the forthcoming business on Thursday he hoped to make a positive statement about the demands for the extra day. The National Health Service (Amendment) Bill, removing Crown immunity from hospitals from the Food and Hygiene Regulations, received an unopposed third reading in the Commons in the early hours of today (Tuesday) despite long speeches by Labour MPs. Legislation, it seemed, for the all-night sitting that prevented Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) from making a Commons attack last Friday on Mr Thatcher. Shortly before midnight, eight hours after the start of the debate, Mr Brian Sedgemoor (Hackney South and Shore-ditch, Lab), intervening on a point of order, said it was

to the appointment of women to public bodies.

Lord Elton: The Government has not discriminated against women in its search for people to serve on committees. It considered 220 names and the search extended to the top ranks of public administration, the legal, surveying and planning professions and local business. The fact is that there were not enough names functioning to satisfy the criteria. Lady Stedman applies. As the tone of public and commercial life changes it is a question of good women working their way through to the top and they have not all arrived there yet. Lord Avebury (L): Many people will find his remark about good women fighting their way to the top offensive and patronising. Women will never get to the top as long as the Government sets a bad example. Lord Elton: The Government sets a good example by the composition and leadership of the Cabinet. The Government also welcomes the rise of good men at the top. Lady Marchmont of Borve (C): What is his definition of a good woman? Lord Elton: The same for these purposes as a good man, but rather more attractive. Lord Avebury (C): Conventry (SDP): There was a time when it was said a woman had to be better than a man to succeed.

added) one side is as bad as the other. Last week's events are no better than some of the things that happened earlier this afternoon.

After the Bill had been read the third time, Mr Terry Davis (Birmingham, Hodge Hill, Lab), for the Opposition, said he expected the passage of the House, Mr John Biffen, to make a statement about matters raised on Monday. We were led to believe (he continued) that Mr Biffen had come here at this late hour to make a statement about future business. Mr Biffen said he understood that discussions were still proceeding. Today, after question time, he repeated that discussions between business managers in all parties were still continuing. Monday's sitting ended at 2.51am today. If the Prime Minister approved of the filibustering tactics used by Conservative MPs to force the cancellation of Friday's business, when Mr Tam Dalyell was due to move a motion strongly critical of her conduct, was it because she was

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Antique dealers in legal action threat over choices for annual fair

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A group of leading London antique dealers are threatening to take their professional body to court in a dispute over selection procedures for the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair, to be opened by Princess Margaret today.

They are incensed at the system for choosing participants in the annual fair, organized by the British Antiques Dealers' Association, and they maintain that it contravenes the law.

On the basis of legal advice the half dozen dealers believe they have a strong case against the association on the ground that it is giving the BADA regular exhibitors at the fair preferential treatment over those who have yet to get a pitch.

They say that as a company, as well as the trade's leading professional body, the association is required under the Companies Act to treat its shareholders, the dealer-members, fairly and give them all an equal chance to participate.

The dispute has flared up in the wake of the so-called "royal row" over the stand secured by Princess Michael of Kent in the Grosvenor House hotel foyer on behalf of MacConnell Mason, the Duke Street dealers who made her a partner earlier this year.

In spite of successive applications for a stand at the fair, Mr David Mason says his company was turned down repeatedly. After this year's rejection the Princess managed to persuade the hotel's owner, Lord Forte, to allow the company to use the foyer.

Defending the company's action, Mr Mason said it was high time the selection procedures were made more open and regularized. "I am absolutely fed up with all this and shall be contacting my lawyer, Sir David Napley, to see what steps can be taken."

His company had been a member of the association for 50 years and yet had been put on the waiting list for the past four years.

There are 95 exhibitors at the fair and a waiting list of 100. Established exhibitors in the main are readmitted, unless their exhibits fail to come up to standard, and would-be newcomers, who do not have to be associate members, must join the queue.

Yesterday Mr David Pettifer, president of the association, said that when the fair was re-started at Grosvenor House in 1983 people were asked if they wanted to participate. Those who did not are on the list and have to await a vacancy in the field of an-

tiques in which they specialized.

"We cannot just throw people out if they have come up to the required standard," he said. But there was a post-mortem at the end of each fair to see if any dealer should be refused entry in future and that did happen.

He added that because the fair had proved successful, everyone suddenly wanted to join in. "I expect if no Americans came over and we sold only 6½ pence worth of goods, everyone would be dropping out."

The original Grosvenor House antiques fair left the hotel venue some years ago after nearly 50 years when it was disrupted by industrial action and has since been re-established at Burlington House. Lord Forte re-started a fair at his hotel in 1983 with the association acting as organizers for a fee which at that time was £10,000.

That arrangement has been criticized by some past presidents of the association and chairmen of the fair who say it is inconsistent with the association's role as a professional and regulatory body and it is some of those same dealers who are now threatening legal action.



Melina Mercouri, Greek Minister for Culture, attending a Greek theatre exhibition yesterday at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Sculpture in Kent 'could be Celtic god'

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

An underground chamber found during recent roadworks in Kent may be a rare type of Celtic shrine, according to its discoverers. Among the finds was a chalk sculpture of a human figure, perhaps representing a Celtic deity.

The discovery was made during archaeological investigations ahead of construction work at Deal, east Kent, when a shaft was found cut into the chalk bedrock. It was 2.5 metres (8.5 ft) deep and led to an underground chamber.

The chamber had a flat floor, with slightly concave walls, and was 1.4 metres (4.5 ft) high, so that any activity had to take place in a crouching or seated position.

The shaft and chamber had been backfilled with layers of rubble and dirt, which contained Roman domestic rubbish, including pottery. That, say Mr Keith Parfitt and Mr Geoff Halliwell, of the Dover Archaeological Group, in *Essex News*, dates the chamber to the late first or early second century AD.

In the fill was a chalk figurine. The body is a rectangular shaft, tapering to a long neck.

The figure's base is cut on a bevel, so that it could not have stood upright.

Government fails to reply over research funds

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Government has failed to respond to a highly critical Commons report about its record of funding scientific research... and it is now early a year since it was published by a Conservative-dominated select committee.

It is an unwritten but usually strictly observed rule that Whitehall departments reply to reports produced by select committees within 60 days of their publication.

But for no apparent reason the Department of Education and Science has put off producing a formal response and is saying that it hopes to let the education select committee have its views by the parliamentary recess next month, a year after the report appeared.

The MPs' report on the science budget, produced after a year's inquiry which took evidence from leading figures in scientific research, concluded that the science budget was chronically under-funded and emphasized the crucial importance of science research for the nation's future. It made several recommendations to improve the position.

Mr Robert Key, Conservative MP for Salisbury and a select committee member, is angered by the delays. He said yesterday: "This shows that the DES is hopelessly overwhelmed by the volume of work."

"It is the slowest department to respond to MPs' correspondence and I have even heard one minister is resorting to taking in his own typewriter to make some progress."

He said that some of the research councils who had given evidence to the select committee were desperate about the inertia of the government machine.

Greaves apologizes

Jimmy Greaves, who was in England's 1966 World Cup squad, yesterday apologized for "an unintended slip made in the heat of the moment" in his career as a sport commentator.

He suggested on television that Mr Peter Willis, the referee, sent off a Manchester United player in the 1985 Cup Final "to get his name in history before he retires".

Mr Willis sued Mr Greaves and London Weekend Television alleging libel.

In the settlement announced yesterday in the High Court, Mr Greaves agreed to meet legal costs and make a payment to the Referees' Association Benevolent Fund.

Architect says flats must go

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

The Hawkridge tower block, in Camden, north London, cannot be repaired and should be demolished, Mr Sam Webb, the architect who is advising the tenants, said yesterday. He also said that problems with the block, built in the Ronan system of construction, were not an isolated incident.

Camden council announced on Monday that the main gas supply will be turned off on Friday, after last week's disclosure in *The Times* that the block does not comply with the structural regulations introduced in the wake of the Ronan Point disaster in 1968.

It plans to strengthen the 10 and 14-storey block, linked by a common landing and lift shaft, and restore the gas.

Mr Webb said: "The block is not safe, whatever the council does with it."

The architect called for the council's chief engineer to be brought in and order a full analysis of the structure, its behaviour in a fire and the quality of workmanship which went into its construction in 1964.

Half duty GPs get called out

By Robin Young

Half the general practitioners on call expect to leave their beds at least once a night to visit a patient, and nearly a quarter expect to go out on two calls or more, according to a newly published survey.

Almost two thirds expect their sleep to be interrupted at least once to answer the telephone.

The survey, carried out by Taylor Nelson Medical for the medical magazine *Pulse*, also showed that only an eighth of GPs did no night duties, and a twelfth were never on call at weekends. At the other end of the scale 9 per cent were on call every night of the week, and a similar proportion for more than 40 weekends a year.

Stalker move

Mr John Stalker, Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, had a meeting yesterday with Mr Donald Shaw, Assistant Chief Constable of West Yorkshire. Mr Roger Pannone, solicitor acting for Mr Stalker, said there would be no further statement for 14 days "unless disciplinary inquiries have been concluded before then".

When survival is the main target

Violent crime: 3

At one jail, prisoners who have committed violence encourage each other in group therapy to face the horrors of what they have done. At another, lifers face days merging into years. Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent, meets one prisoner who almost did not.

The old murderer, long wise to the ways of the nick, looked up and said: "I was within two hours of the death sentence when I was in the condemned cell for eight weeks at Winchester prison."

"It was to take place at 8am. I had my last meal brought in at 6am: eggs and bacon and some toast and a big mug of tea. I didn't ask for nothing; it was automatically brought. I didn't eat it."

"I stayed up all night playing cards with two officers on duty, Mr Palmer and Mr Broad. The deputy governor came in with a statement saying I had been reprieved."

"How the judge summed up before he put his black cap on counted in my favour. About eight doctors had come into the visiting room. I had tried to take my own life. They re-examined the evidence."

The sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Albert came out once on licence in 1971, got married and had six children, he says, but he was recalled in 1981 after trouble with a neighbour.

Now survival is the name of the game. "I keep myself to myself. I'm very bitter about what is happening to me. Only the atmosphere of Kingston prison keeps me sane. It is free and easy and more relaxed than other prisons."

"My wife divorced me, I never see the children and don't know when I am going to get out."

Kingston, Portsmouth, is the lifers' prison. But it does not house the most vicious killers. Kingston's may have hit too hard, squeezed too

hard or too long. One said that he had acted to redress a grievance, another that his was a crime passionnel.

The man who is arguably the best potter in the prison system - he has awards to show for it - has £566 in his building society and a Yamaha Portasound in his cell with a keyboard that can turn simple fingering into something more. The chief officer lends him sheet music.

The pots are special. The technique has only recently been revived, the Victoria and Albert Museum says in correspondence. That prisoner helped to revive it. The money comes from the sale of pots through outlets created for prisoners.

Doing is surviving for him, after 13 years inside. He has a sense of humour but "remorse doesn't go out of my system. You just think, if you could only turn the clock back. Alas, you can't. Sometimes you get rough nights. Taking life is the bottom of the barrel."

Prisoners at Kingston want to get out as soon as possible. At Grendon Underwood prison, staff say "quite a few" prisoners will decline to be considered for parole when their time comes because they feel they need more therapy.

They face up to what they have done - murder, stabbing, wounding, rape - in frank group discussions.

But behind the mask of toughness, the violent offender may attack out of fear. One said he attacked a man because he did not like the way he was talking to him. "He kept calling me 'son', made me look small in front of the others." He now admits he felt fear, because the man came across as aggressive.

"I had the image of a hard little man. It's the first time I have accepted fear. Before I came I would never have admitted I was scared. It doesn't go with the image."

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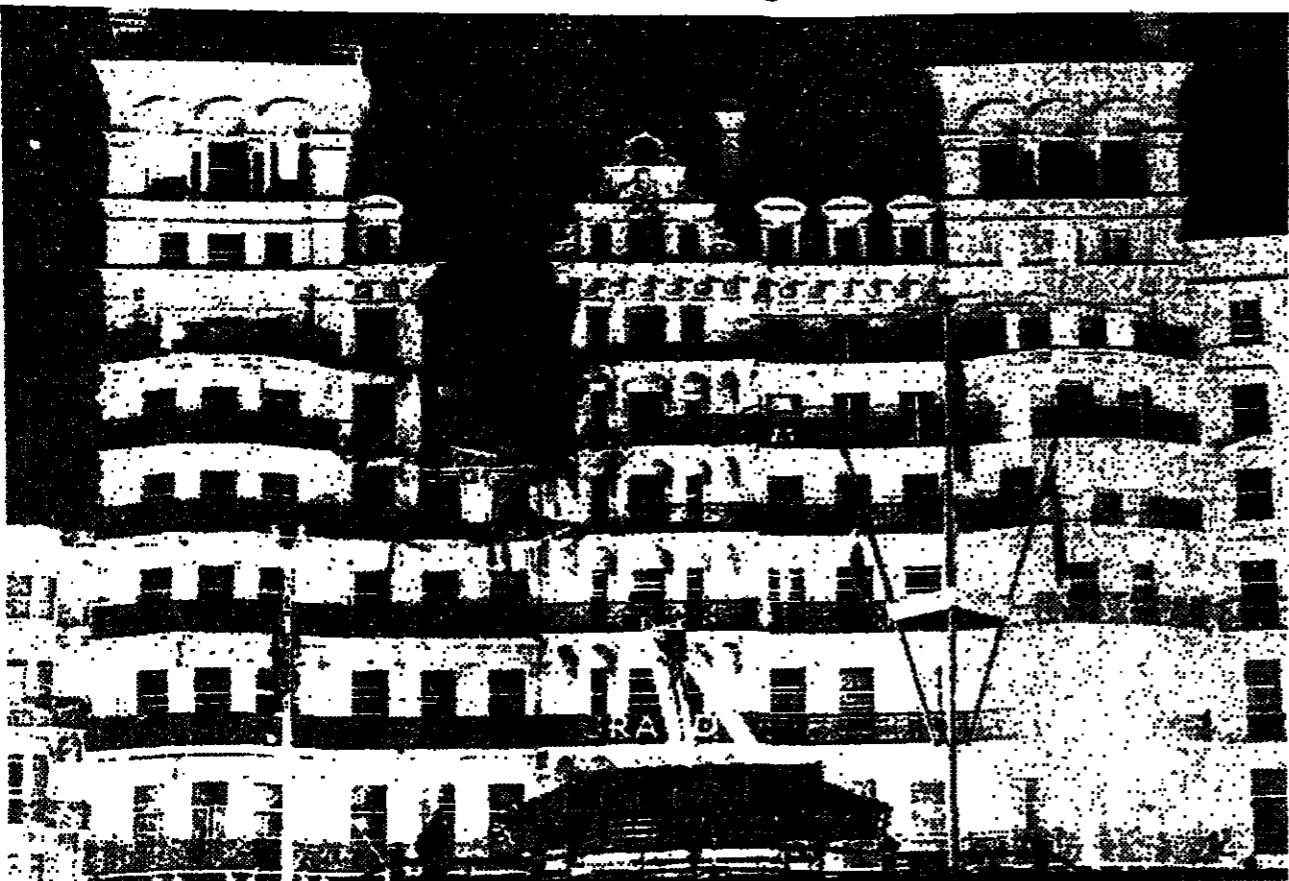
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THE BRIGHTON BOMBER

Magee guilty of 'one of worst acts of terrorism'



The Grand Hotel at Brighton bathed in light after the explosion which wrecked several rooms and claimed five lives, and the rescue of Mr Norman Tebbit, who was trapped by rubble for several hours (Hotel photograph: John Manning).

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

A jury at the Central Criminal Court found Patrick Magee guilty yesterday of "one of the worst acts of terrorism in this country" when they convicted him of the Brighton hotel bombing after a trial lasting more than five weeks.

Magee was accused of planting a bomb with a timed delay behind a panel in the bathroom of room 629 at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, before the Conservative Party's annual conference in 1984.

When the bomb exploded, early on the morning of October 12, it killed five people and injured 34. The court was told that some victims suffered the "nightmare experience" of falling to the bottom of the building and then being covered by debris.

Magee booked room 629 in mid-September for a weekend. The bomb was said to include 20 to 30lb of explosives and had a one-hour timer coupled to a 24-day timer.

Room 629 was taken on September 15 in the name of Roy Walsh, who came in off the street to make the booking.

He paid more than £180 in cash and £50 later for other items when he checked out.

During the trial evidence was given that the occupant of room 629 ate one meal in the hotel restaurant during the stay, and had a number of items of food and drink brought by staff. One waiter remembered delivering items to the room when he thought that two people were present.

After the explosion police checked registration cards for room 629 and found the card for Mr Walsh, who lived at an address in south London. He was not known at that address.

Walsh proved to be the only guest in the hotel over a 48-day period who was not accounted for.

Police fingerprint experts who worked on the registration card discovered a palm print which was matched to records for Magee. A second print was later also matched to Magee from the card.

A handwriting expert told the court that there were similarities between Magee's handwriting and the handwriting of Walsh on the registration card.

Magee was arrested in a

police raid on a flat in Langside Road, Glasgow, last June 22, almost a year ago.

During the trial Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, told the court that the police discovered what he claimed was "an outrageous plot to wreak havoc", in which timed devices were to be left in 12 resorts or ports and at four targets in London.

With Magee in the flat were Gerard McDonnell, aged 34; Peter Sherry aged 30; Martina Anderson, aged 34, and Ella O'Dwyer, aged 27. All have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to cause explosions.

The jury will continue today to consider its verdicts on Magee and the others for the conspiracy charge.

The court was told that the cache was found in a cellar at James Grey Street, Glasgow, near the first address that was raided. The cache, prosecuting counsel said, was "one of the most significant and deadly collections of terrorist equipment ever found in this country".

Bombs were to have 16-day or 24-day timers. On an alleged bomb calendar, found on Mr McDonnell, were details of a device at the Rubens

Hotel in London, opposite Buckingham Palace Mews.

The police found a device in room 112 in a lunch box. It was booby-trapped and contained 3 1/2lb of gelignite.

Mr Amlot alleged that Magee booked into the hotel on June 15 last year using the false name of T Morton and an address in Watford. His fingerprints were discovered later on the hotel registration card and the alleged bomb calendar.

Magee did not give evidence in his defence on any charges. Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, questioned police

and a fingerprint expert about the evidence, telling the jury that Magee had been framed by police trying to redeem their credibility after the Grand Hotel bombing.

During the defence case the court was told that Magee was brought up in Norwich, where he had three convictions as a juvenile. In 1979 a warrant was issued for Magee after explosions in 1978-79 in the south of England.

An attempt to extradite Magee from the Netherlands in 1980 failed.

Under cross-examination by the defence, Superintendent

George Stepney, of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, told the court that he did not know Magee had been interned between 1973 and 1975.

He told the court that the fingerprints of several people suspected of being involved in the 1978-79 explosions had been found at addresses in London, some of those prints had been identified as those of Magee. Two men, Gerard Tuite and John McComb, had stood trial for the explosions and Magee was awaiting trial.

During the trial details of the injuries to some of the

victims in the Brighton bombing were given to the court. Mr Gordon Shattock described falling from the sixth floor of the hotel to the basement. Sir Donald McLean also described the moment when the bomb went off and his wife was killed.

The court was told that Mr Shattock's wife was blown through a wall, across a corridor and into another room. She died instantaneously.

Mr Norman Tebbit, who was then Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and his wife were in a room near the explosion. The court was told how Mr Tebbit lay trapped by rubble before he and his wife were found by a fireman.

Mr John Wakeham was trapped by the legs and in spite of severe pain was worried about his wife who had been in bed beside him. She died as did the wives of Sir Donald and Mr Shattock.

The court was told that rooms numbered 28 on each floor collapsed in a column with the blast. The Shattocks were in 628, the Taylors in 528, the Wakehams in 428, the Berrys in 328, and Mr and Mrs Tebbit in 228.



The victims: Sir Anthony Berry



Mrs Jeanne Shattock



Mrs Roberta Wakeham

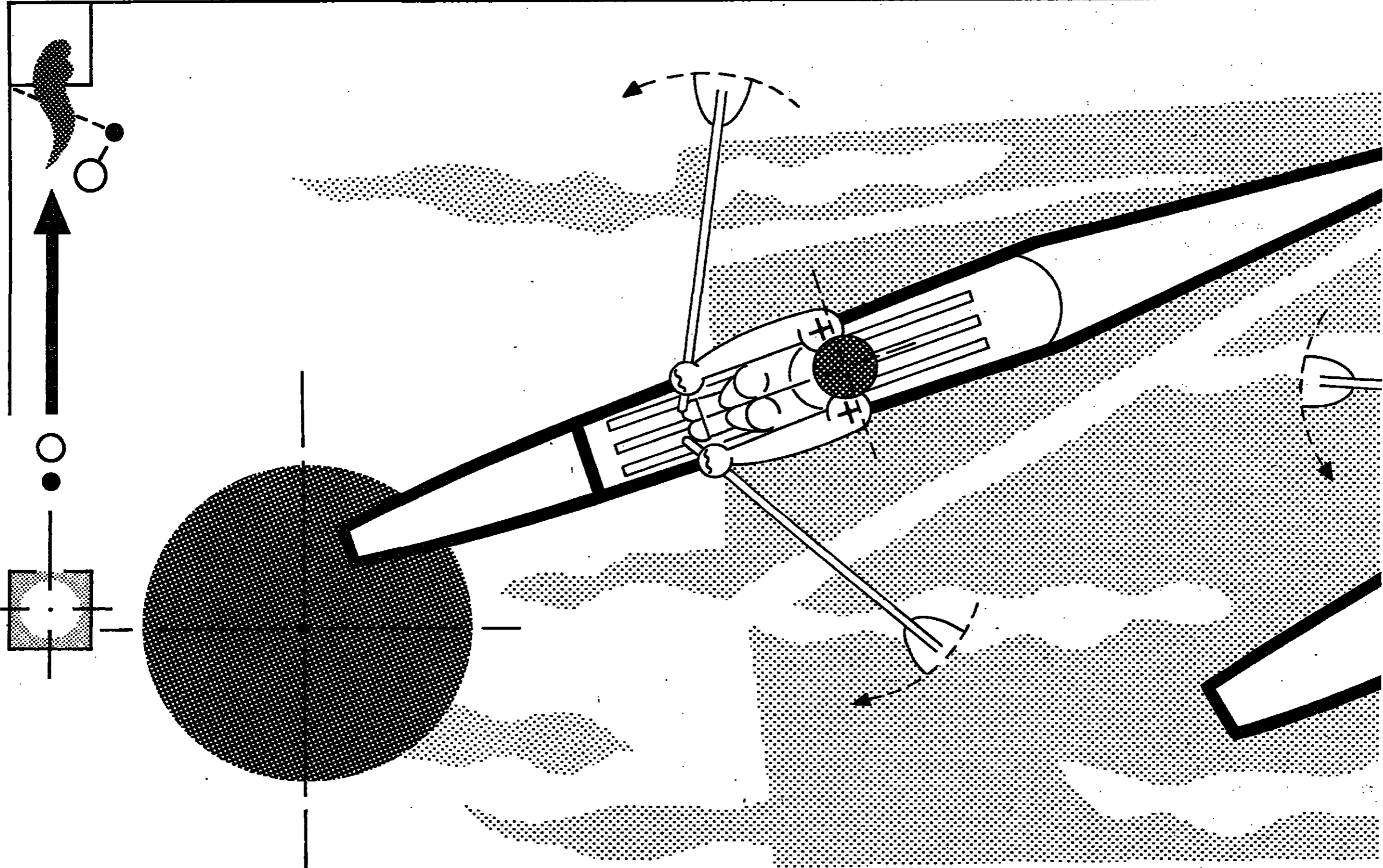


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Second Vienna leader resigns in wake of Waldheim poll victory

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

The swift departure of Dr Fred Sinowatz from the Austrian Chancellorship was followed yesterday afternoon by the resignation of Dr Leopold Gratz, the Foreign Minister.

Waldheim's decisive election victory. Supporters of Dr Waldheim said that whatever happens to Austria, Dr Sinowatz's resignation alone had made Dr Waldheim's election as President worthwhile for the country.

During the run-up to his election, Dr Waldheim had made no secret of the fact that he would expect an apology from Dr Sinowatz, whom he holds personally responsible for having instigated a campaign against him.

Pinstripe banker in top role

From Our Correspondent, Vienna

Dr Franz Vranitzky, who will be sworn in formally as Austria's Chancellor on Monday, has enjoyed a meteoric rise unparalleled in the history of Austrian politics since the Second World War.

Before joining Dr Fred Sinowatz's Government in September 1984, as Finance Minister, Dr Vranitzky was the general director of the Austrian Länderbank. His expertise turned that concern virtually overnight from a less-than-making, overstuffed organization into one of Austria's most profitable banks.

Despite his lack of political experience, he is also a wise choice in view of the country's general election next spring. In the event of a grand coalition between the Socialists and the opposition People's Party becoming the only means of allowing the Socialists to retain power, Dr Vranitzky is a more acceptable choice to the opposition than his predecessor, Dr Sinowatz.

Younger on Athens visit

Athens - Mr George Younger, the British Defence Secretary, paid a working visit here yesterday for talks with his Greek counterpart, Mr Yiannis Haralambopoulos (Mario Modiano writes).

Nyerere party doubts

Lusaka (AP) - The former Tanzanian President, Mr Julius Nyerere, has expressed doubts about the viability of the one-party political system in his country, Zambian newspapers said yesterday.

He remains a dominant figure in Tanzania's one-party state as chairman of the only legal political movement. "Party leaders in some areas (of Tanzania) have become so complacent they don't even hold any meetings," he said, before holding talks with President Kaunda in Lusaka.



The New Zealand town of Otorohanga proudly proclaiming its new identity as Harrodsville with tongue-in-cheek signs

Harrodsville takes on London store

From Richard Long, Wellington. Signs have gone up all over the little New Zealand town of Otorohanga proclaiming that the settlement is now called Harrods.



The name Harrods, even though, in the case of a restaurant in the city of Palmerston North, it was owned by the Harrod family.

Otorohanga, pop. 2,500, decided to cash in on the controversy and change the name of the entire town to defy the London establishment. "Harrods seemed to be giving New Zealand retailers a bit of a hard time, so we will be giving Harrods a whole town to think about," the business association president, Mr Rocky Climo, said.

US jumbo freed by Peru after fine paid

Los Angeles (AFP) - A PanAm jumbo jet, held for eight hours in Peru for straying into Peruvian airspace without permission, arrived here after the airline paid a \$5,000 (£3,350) fine.

Karpov keeps chess lead

Bugojno, Yugoslavia (Reuters) - Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union maintained his lead in the chess Grand Masters Tournament after adjourning a game with Yugoslavia's Ljubomir Ljubovic in the 12th round.

Berlin riot

Berlin (AP) - Sixty demonstrators were arrested and 19 police officers injured in West Berlin when about 300 people protested against alleged police brutality against anti-nuclear demonstrators in Hamburg over the weekend.

Eta warning

Bilbao (AFP) - The military wing of the Basque separatist group, Eta, has sent letters warning 200 embassies, travel agencies and foreign media that tourists are in danger from its Mediterranean bombing campaign.

Wages of sin

Messina, Sicily (Reuters) - Signor Calogero Lo Ricco, a wartime airman who was given a suspended three-month jail sentence for "indecent in a public place" for kissing his future wife in 1941, now stands to lose his veteran's pension because of his conviction. The Treasury wants him to repay the £5,700 he has already drawn.

Iran attempts new move for Beirut peace

Beirut - An Iranian envoy who has launched new efforts to secure a ceasefire between Shia Muslim militiamen and Palestinian guerrillas yesterday said he will not leave "until a truce is consolidated".

Chirac beset by staff and employers

Paris Metro and bus services are expected to be brought to a standstill today as unions strike in protest against Government cutbacks in subsidies on public transport and a freeze on public-sector wages.

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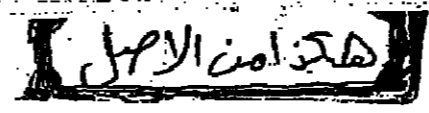
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Port-au-Prince halted by strike as pressure on Namphy increases

From Christopher Thomas, Port-au-Prince

Thousands of impoverished 33-a-day workers - baseball equipment makers, electronic assemblers, lathe operators and textile machinists - went on strike in Haiti yesterday. In Port-au-Prince, the capital, they flocked to church for the funeral of a victim of the unrest gripping the island.

The drab grey factory units at the edge of the city were deserted save for some men aimlessly sweeping the road. Normally 9,500 men and women swarm through the gates for the 10-hour day, carried in the slums in gaily-painted little buses known as Tap-Taps.

Yesterday the normally teeming streets were miraculously empty of Tap-Taps, and of the hooting, yelling and cursing that they inspire. If people had wanted to get to work from the big slum called Carrefour, where most of the workers live, they would have had to walk the five miles each way.

At Wilsons, which makes baseballs for the American professional leagues, row upon row of closely-packed Dickensian wooden benches stretching the length of the factory stood empty.

Nearly every shop in Port-au-Prince was closed. Few vehicles were in the narrow streets, perhaps out of the knowledge that smashing windscreens is good sport in times of strife.

At 10am an enormous crowd marched sombrely to St Gerard's Church to bury Dumy Debestre, aged 23, who was shot last Thursday by soldiers in Carrefour.

The affair has seriously damaged the considerable goodwill the peasants have for the Army. Dumy Debestre was in a crowd that was attacking a police car with sticks and machetes while two policemen cringed inside.

Gonaives, 60 miles to the north of the capital, did not join the strike, preferring to make its own battles with the authorities.

General Henri Namphy, president of the ruling National Council, has asked to speak to the town's leaders in the hope of ending their campaign of civil unrest. The town held a mass meeting on Monday night and failed to agree on the terms of such an encounter.

Ten miles away, people danced feverishly in the streets of Carrefour Alexis after murdering a voodoo priest and burning the house of a woman associate. Voodoo was a weapon of the ousted Duvalier regime, and thus it is now rejected and its priests

hounded. The priest was left lying in a ditch, while the woman's house burned, with her body inside.

The success of the strike in Port-au-Prince is a serious blow to the military-dominated government, which had hoped its promise of elections next year might have calmed the atmosphere.

It is now under even greater pressure to meet the political leaders' main demand to dismiss Colonel Williams Régala, a member of the junta and the real power in the beleaguered government.

If he went, General Namphy would have little choice but to disband the Government and try to form one more acceptable to the political leaders.

Fifty people called one local radio station in Port-au-Prince yesterday morning to say they had not gone to work because they were afraid. Government officials insist that most peasants would have worked had they not been intimidated.

Some moderate political leaders expressed reservations about the strike hours before it started, but in the main it had overwhelming support from the many politicians now trying to fill the political vacuum.



Mr Hu Yaobang chats with a group of schoolchildren on the bank of the river Avon during his visit to Stratford yesterday.

Hu turns tourist on second day of visit

By Rodney Cowton

Mr Hu Yaobang, General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, yesterday turned tourist for the second full day of his four-day visit to Britain. His visit is one of the most important paid to Britain by a member of any Chinese hierarchy.

His itinerary took him to Stratford-upon-Avon and Oxford, and a dinner given for him by Lord Stockton, Chancellor of Oxford University, at Balliol College.

This relatively relaxed day followed a busy schedule on Monday which had included two hours of conversations with Mrs Thatcher. These covered a wide range of subjects, but were dominated by relations between the two countries over Hong Kong, and the desire of both to expand their mutual trade.

The most substantive event to emerge so far from the visit was the signing on Tuesday of a memorandum of understanding intended to finance studies in Britain by about 350 Chinese a year for the next 10 years.

The bulk of the cost of the £35 million scheme is being met by the Chinese Government and the Y.K. Pao Foundation of Hong Kong.

Russia looks at fallout compensation

From Roger Boyes, Budapest

The Soviet Union has raised the possibility of paying compensation to foreign food producers who suffered from the effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, but stresses that financial losses were almost impossible to calculate.

Mr Valery Legasov, of the Kurchatov Nuclear Research Institute, said yesterday that he was not an economist, but

that when the damage could be seen, measures could be taken. "We are holding discussions in a very concrete way."

He said that Sweden could receive compensation if it could be proved that damage to crops was the result of fallout from Chernobyl.

Hungarian officials say that Hungary could lose some £100 million as a result of the EEC ban on food imports from eastern Europe last month.

and Poland estimates its losses at £33 million.

Mr Legasov said that an application for compensation from West Germany was rendered more difficult because of a domestic nuclear leak. He said that if citizens abandoned their work because of misinformation and exaggerated reports then this economic damage should be laid at the door of the media rather than blamed on the nuclear power plant management.

● MOSCOW: Two elderly Soviet women stayed secretly in their homes near the Chernobyl reactor for more than a month after the April 26 disaster, until being discovered and taken to hospital (Christopher Walker writes).

Anastasia Semenyaka, aged 85, and Maria Karpyenok, aged 74, avoided the initial evacuation and came out into the open only at the end of last month.

Tragedy of Crossroads

Old guard battles the young radicals

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The origins of the tragedy of Crossroads, the black shanty town outside Cape Town, go back more than 10 years, when improving rural blacks began settling on land left vacant for an extension of the airport.

They came overwhelmingly from the Xhosa-speaking tribal homelands of Transkei and Ciskei several hundred miles to the east, driven by the need to find a livelihood for themselves and their families.

The influx conflicted with the "pass laws" used to check the flow of blacks to the cities. In the Western Cape, these were doubly severe, as preference was given to Coloureds in the allocation of jobs.

Despite repeated police raids and demolition of the corrugated tin "shacks", Crossroads grew steadily. Before the fighting of the past few weeks, it was estimated to house between 100,000 and 200,000 people.

At its simplest, the conflict is between old-guard leaders of the settler community, some of whom have been resisting removal for a decade, and more recent arrivals: young radicals committed to the wider political struggle that is tearing apart scores of black townships.

The youths call themselves "comrades", the generic term in the townships for the Young Turks belonging to the myriad bodies affiliated to the United Democratic Front, the anti-apartheid umbrella group.

The old-guard leader is Mr Johannes Ngxobongwana, a Crossroads veteran who has seen off many rival groups in his time and who once ran the settlement as his private fiefdom, exacting tithes and rents from other squatters.

Mr Ngxobongwana's vigilantes are known as *witloeks* (white cloths), from the white arm and head bands they wear, and also as "the fathers", a term widely used in the townships for older conservative blacks.

A complicating element is overwhelming evidence - from eye-witnesses as well as affidavits lodged by Crossroads residents - that the police and Army have aided and abetted the *witloeks* in their attacks on other groups.

Another factor was the Government's decision last year to redevelop Crossroads as permanent housing for those settlers who had been there the longest. The more recent immigrants were to be moved to Khayelitsha, a black housing area started in 1983 on sandy coastal scrubland 20 miles from Cape Town.

This was the prize for which Mr Ngxobongwana and his followers had long been struggling. But as fast as squatters were moved - by a mixture of persuasion and coercion - to Khayelitsha, still more flooded into Crossroads, threatening to delay the redevelopment.

workers, Mr Elias Shabangu, aged 23, and Mr Lucas Lushaba, aged 25, received chest and leg injuries.

About a dozen whites and blacks have been killed or injured in landmine explosions in remote rural areas in the past seven months.

The first incidents occurred along Transvaal's northern border with Zimbabwe at the end of last year and there were then several in the Eastern Transvaal.

Responsibility has usually been claimed by the African National Congress, willing to spend the \$2.8 billion (£1.8 billion) to get the shuttle programme back on track.

Congress has given a warm welcome to the commission's report, chaired by Mr William Rogers, which it believes pinpoints the technical and psychological failures at Nasa. It has also been encouraged by the contrite attitude and promises of thoroughgoing reform from Dr James Fletcher, the former Nasa Administrator brought back to head it.

But Congress yesterday began hearings of its own, and will have to decide whether to increase Nasa funding.

The agency has promised to implement the reforms outlined in the report: a tighter and more centralized management structure, greater emphasis on safety and internal communication, less reliance on cosy arrangements with monopoly contractors, and a mission schedule that is both realistic and affordable.

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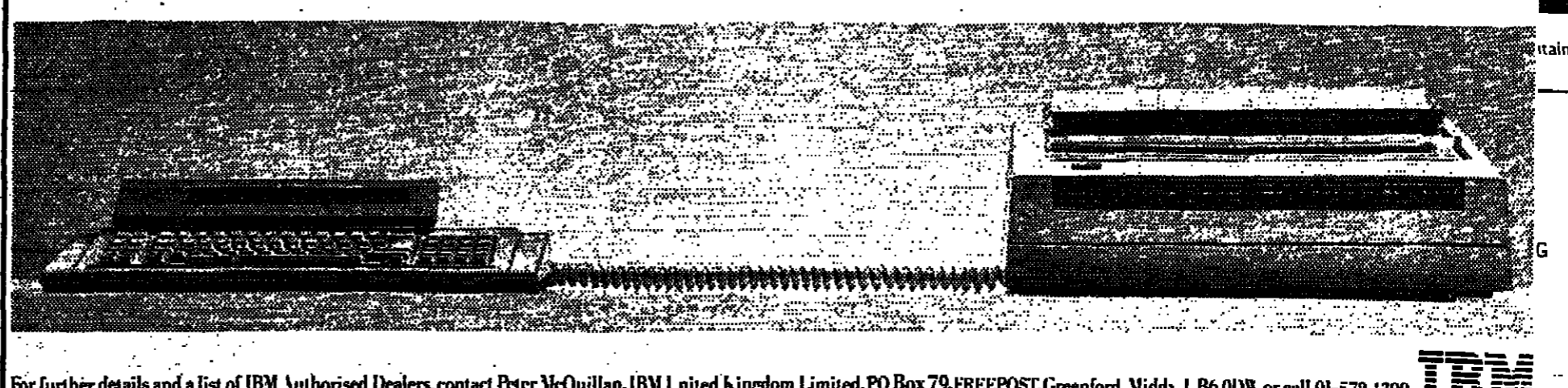
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Arms strategy across East-West divide

Secretive Pact leaders weigh the value of open Gorbachov policy

The leaders of the Warsaw Pact yesterday huddled, secretively as cardinals in conclave, in a Budapest government house to discuss a new arms proposal to the West.

From Roger Boyes, Budapest arms specialist in the Soviet delegation at Budapest, hinted on Monday night that Moscow regarded the talks — which deal only with the seven countries along the East-West divide — as ineffective.

do exist — on the level of defence spending, the appropriate response to the US Star Wars programme and the relative weight of independent foreign policy — hardly figure at this summit.

Nato predicts a breakthrough

From Frederick Bonart, Brussels

The deadlock in arms control negotiations may be broken in the near future. There is cautious optimism in Nato that three recent connected events will lead to results.

to be matched by a balance of conventional forces in the whole of Europe. A Nato task force is being set up to work urgently towards this objective.

Britain and US blamed on test ban

Stockholm (Reuters) — One of the world's leading peace research groups, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri), has criticized the United States and Britain for having failed to join the Soviet Union ban on nuclear weapons testing.

Chemical weapons ban close

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister, said yesterday that all technical and legal points of a chemical weapons ban had been examined.



Girls at a massage parlour in north-eastern Thailand wait for customers under a banner exhorting citizens to vote in next month's general election. The message is: 'July 27 is election day. If you love democracy, you must vote.'

Bonn secretary spied with camera in a lipstick

Bonn — The ingenuity of East German spy-masters was revealed in Bonn yesterday in a report on a senior secretary who was given a camera concealed in a lipstick to photograph documents at her desk in the West German President's office.

But she was unable to manage the gadget, and had to take the camera home. A photograph with a normal camera. This is believed to have helped West German security men to unmask her as a spy.

worked at the Presidency for 2 1/2 years, was arrested in August. She is still being questioned.

West Germans arrested last year on suspicion of spying for the East.

Israel's £135 atlas censored by minister

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

A page is to be removed from all copies of the prestigious new Israel Atlas on the orders of Mr David Levy, the Israeli Minister of Housing, who says that there is a political message in two paragraphs.

The Atlas, which costs 270 shekels (£135), has been published in Hebrew and English, with 1,000 copies sold to Macmillans.

It is produced by the Survey of Israel, which comes under Mr Levy's ministry. The offending paragraphs were written by Professor David Amir, chairman of the atlas's editorial board.

In his article he said that the inevitable result of these settlements would be a binational state. The settlement policy, he said, was carried out with nationalist religious elements as the primary concern.

Mr Levy ordered the article rewritten because he described it as intolerable that political views should appear in a government publication.

The professor said he had put forward an objective professional analysis and that the coalition Government appeared to have opposing policies on settlements.

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Nakasone lunch helps party rivals to offer electors a united front

Tokyo (Reuters) — Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, yesterday patched up divisions in the Liberal Democratic Party in order to present a united front for next month's general election.

He held a lunch at his residence attended by the Foreign Minister, Mr Shimomura Abe, the Finance Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, and a former Foreign Minister, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa.

All three, seen as Mr Nakasone's rivals for the party leadership, agreed to his request to "do our best with the (party) president" in the July 6 poll, according to party sources.

Mr Nakasone's aim was to rebut allegations in the media and in political circles that his decision to call elections 18 months ahead of schedule had divided the leadership.

Under party rules he must step down as party president and Prime Minister in October, because he will have served the maximum two terms of two years each. He has denied that he will seek to change the rules to gain a third term; but opponents are sceptical.

His apparent success in rallying party unity was undermined, however, when papers reported that Mr Abe had expressed displeasure at a separate meeting with the Prime Minister over the 311 Liberal Democrats named on Monday as candidates for the Lower House. He was said to be unhappy that only 11 of the 26 new nominees of his faction had been approved.

The strength of support available to party faction chiefs will be vital in deciding the shape of the post-election leadership and the Cabinet.

The sources said that it was agreed yesterday not to alter the tax system for the time being. Opposition politicians have said that the Government was considering a value-added tax.

In the 1979 general election, the Liberal Democrats, led by the late Masayoshi Ohira, suffered a severe setback after having included taxes as a campaign issue.

With his own political future hanging on the party's showing in the polls, Mr Nakasone has set a modest target: a simple majority in the 512-seat Lower House.

"We need at least 257 seats to get Bills approved (but) would like to add as many seats as possible," he told party officials. The party had 249 seats in the old House and had to rely on eight votes from a coalition partner.



Villagers of Siritara, near Trincomalee in north-eastern Sri Lanka, looking down on the bodies of fellow Sinhalese villagers killed recently by Tamil extremists. Government security forces are expecting an attack on their main Northern Province base at the Jaffna Fort, according to security sources (Vijitha Yapa writes). Military

intelligence is believed to have intercepted signals between Tamil guerrilla groups indicating preparations for an onslaught by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. In Colombo, President Jayewardene is expected to brief his Cabinet today on a letter from Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, on the crisis.

Hunt for Marcos hoard

'Raiders of the lost wealth' net \$750m

From Keith Dalton, Manila

A total of \$750 million (£480 million) in cash and property believed to have been acquired illegally by Mr Ferdinand Marcos, the deposed Philippines president, and his associates has been seized by a government commission widely known as the "Raiders of the lost wealth".

In a report on its first 100 days of operation, the five-member Commission on Good Government have reported to President Aquino that it had seized bank deposits, jewellery, cars, aircraft, ships, real estate and shares in 218 companies.

About 80 per cent of the assets are owned by Mr Marcos and 18 family members, relatives and cronies of the former president, who fled to Hawaii in February after being toppled by a civilian-backed military revolt.

The sequestered assets do not include an estimated \$10 billion that Mr Marcos, his family and friends are alleged to have deposited abroad during his 20-year regime.

The commission said that more than 16 billion shares, with a par value of \$107 million, were sequestered, as well as \$73 million in Treasury bills, bank deposits and currency.

Sequestered jewellery was appraised at \$15.5 million. In addition, two jets and five propeller-driven planes, eight vessels and 70 vehicles, including luxury, vintage and sports cars, were seized.

Among 46.6 million square yards of sequestered property were 21.7 million square yards of the agricultural land of Mr Eduardo Cojuangco, one of the closest business colleagues of Mr Marcos.

Mr Cojuangco, known as the "Coconut King", who fled with Mr Marcos, now wants to return home and is prepared to face charges against him, according to his lawyer, Mr Gabriel Villareal.

Mr Cojuangco, who has been stripped of his controlling interest in the San Miguel Corporation, the biggest in the Philippines, is accused of having amassed a huge personal fortune through questionable business dealings with the consent, knowledge or backing of Mr Marcos.

Together with more than 90 people who accompanied Mr Marcos to Hawaii, Mr Cojuangco has had his passport revoked by the new Government, restricting his movement to within the U.S. He is now in California.

If his passport is returned and he is allowed home, Mr Cojuangco might assist the Government with its "hidden wealth" inquiry, Mr Villareal said. So far Mr Jose Yac Campos, an industrialist, has been the only former high-ranking business associate of Mr Marcos to co-operate with the commission.

He confessed to being a front-man for the deposed leader. In return for immunity from prosecution, he turned over to the commission land holdings and 37 "easily-disposable" companies, valued at \$146 million.

The commission chairman, Mr Ramon Diaz, said that seven prominent associates of Mr Marcos had contacted the commission to offer information.

He refused to name the businessmen, saying that premature identification could leave them open to possible reprisal by Mr Marcos, whom Mrs Aquino accused on Monday of fomenting anti-government street rallies in Manila.

S Korea: Soh Joon-Shik

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

By Caroline Moorehead

Mr Soh Joon-Shik, a Korean born in Japan, was a student aged 23 at Seoul National University when he was arrested in April 1971 and charged with spying for North Korea.

He had taken part in demonstrations against the decision to amend the constitution to allow the President, then Park Chung-Hee, to stand for a third term, and the conduct of the subsequent elections.

He has been held ever since, first on a seven-year sentence, and after 1978 in Cheongju Preventive Custody Centre on a series of two-year detention orders allowed where the authorities believe there is a "strong possibility" that the prisoner may commit the same crime again.

Mr Soh, who was 38 last month, has just learnt that another two-year custody order has been imposed.

His case is not unusual. As a new report from Amnesty International, *South Korea: Violations of Human Rights*, makes clear, thousands of people have been arrested and imprisoned since the early 1970s for the non-violent exercise of their right to freedom of expression.

Although many have been released under presidential amnesties, some remain in detention after 15 years. At least 10 political prisoners are known to have been executed since 1975. A number of those arrested are Koreans normally resident in Japan, who are prosecuted for espionage in trials that make much of the threat of invasion and the subversive activities of North Korea: 100 people are serving sentences.

Some have been tortured into "confessing" to such charges as spying.

During Mr Soh's trial in 1971 the main evidence by the prosecution was his own confession of guilt. Later he disclosed that it had been extracted under torture.

Prisoners of conscience in South Korea include teachers,

journalists, trade unionists and farmers. Some are held for taking part in demonstrations likely to cause unrest, or for circulating "false rumours".

Those held for longer or on the more serious charges of spying or being "pro-communist" are interrogated by the Anti-Communist Bureau of the National Police, the Agency for National Security Planning or the Army Security Command.

All three, according to the Amnesty report, are known to use torture, though the 1980 constitution specifically prohibits it. Prisoners have reported having their heads immersed in water, being suffocated with wet towels, and being hung from a rod and spun around — the "barbecued chicken torture".

Amnesty, which sent delegates to South Korea in 1984 and 1985, has urged that several measures be taken to halt the abuses, including retrials for those, like Mr Soh, deemed to have been denied a fair trial, and for an end to prolonged solitary confinement.

South Korea, which in its 1980 constitution stipulated that "all citizens shall enjoy freedom of conscience", has replied that it is committed to protecting human rights.

South Korea: Violations of Human Rights (Amnesty International, 5 Roberts Place, London EC1R 0EJ, £3.95).



Mr Soh Joon-Shik: made his confession under torture

Japan's new war text makes Peking fume

Peking (Reuters) — China is demanding changes in a history textbook proposed for use in Japanese schools, claiming that it distorts facts and glosses over atrocities during the Sino-Japanese War.

It fails to describe Japan's military activities during the 1937-45 war as aggression, and says that the facts of the 1937 Nanking massacre, in which Japanese soldiers killed thousands of Chinese civilians, were still under debate.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry has sent a "stern note" about the book to the Japanese Embassy, according to the New China News Agency.

The book, prepared by a conservative group called the National Conference to Defend Japan, was approved last month by a Japanese Education Ministry panel, paving the way for its use next year.

Japan has explained that the book has yet to get final approval, and China hopes the issue will be seriously handled

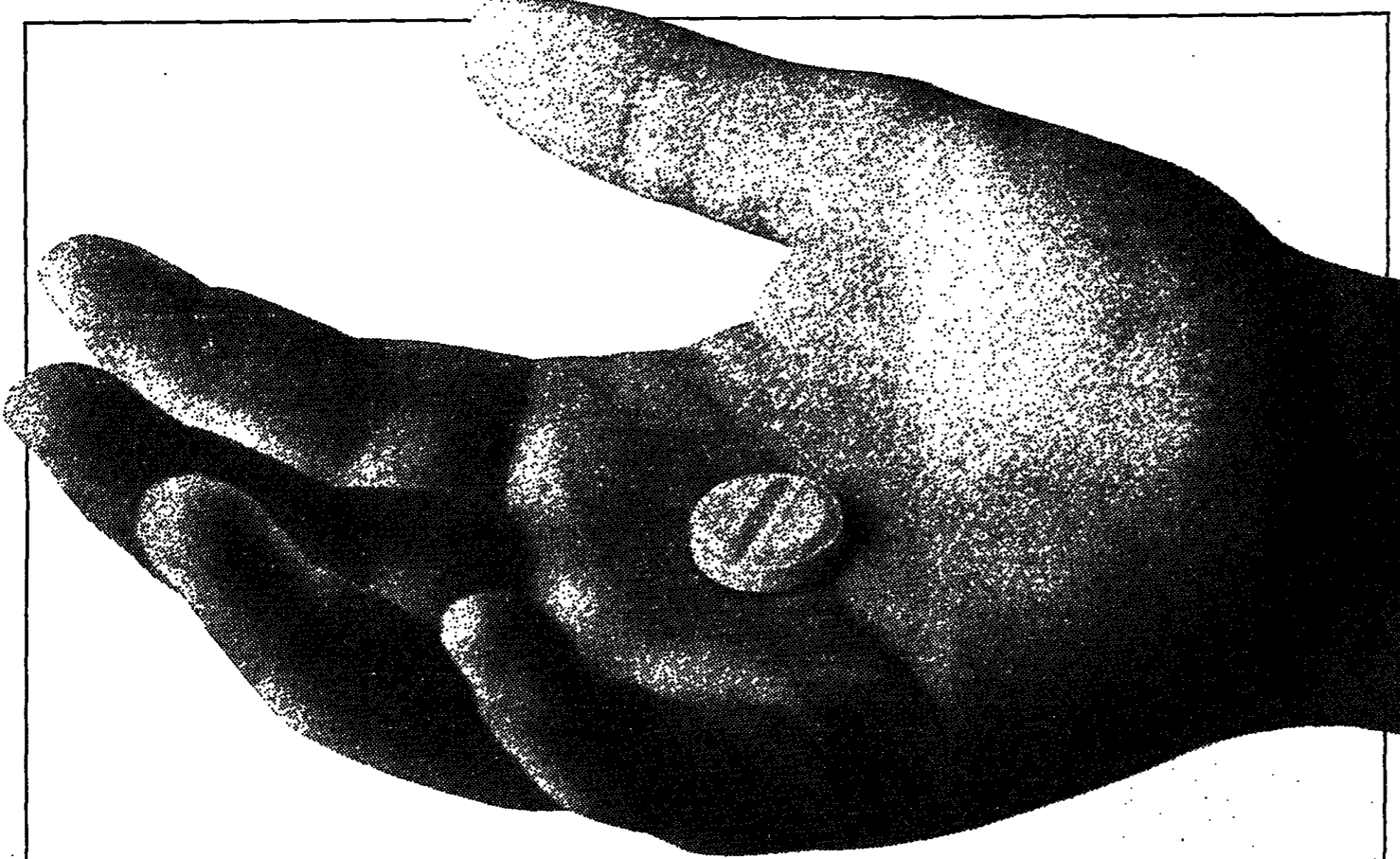
and swift and effective measures taken to rectify its erroneous accounts," the news agency said.

China's note said that in 1982, after diplomatic moves against textbook revisions, a senior official promised that Japan would "examine its war against China" in any future changes. "The Japanese Education Ministry failed to honour this commitment by approving the textbook," it said.

China, South Korea, Taiwan and other Asian countries denounced Japanese attempts to change school textbooks in 1982 as efforts to rewrite history.

That revision used words such as "advance" rather than "invasion" to describe the progress of Japanese troops during the war. The dispute subsided when Japan agreed to amend the passages.

The Japanese Education Ministry has declined to comment on the new version.



VITAL NEW INFORMATION ABOUT ASPIRIN FOR CHILDREN.

As of today, we advise you not to give junior aspirin or any medicine containing aspirin to any child under 12 years of age, except under medical supervision. Product contents are printed on all packs of home medicines.

This advice is given in consultation with the DHSS, because of concern about a rare but serious illness called Reye's Syndrome.

WHAT IS REYE'S SYNDROME?

It is an extremely rare disease which affects very few children, less than 1 in 100,000.

The major symptoms of the illness are prolonged vomiting and unusual behaviour, especially after a feverish illness. If your child ever displays these serious symptoms, don't hesitate — call your doctor, as this kind of condition will require medical treatment, even though it is most unlikely to be Reye's.

Unfortunately research has found no definite cause of Reye's Syndrome. But it seems that it only occurs when there is a chance combination of several factors, and some studies suggest a possible link with aspirin.

Even though Reye's occurs where no aspirin has been taken, we are still advising you not to give aspirin to your children without medical advice.

ASPIRIN AND THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY.

The active principle of aspirin has been used in some form for over 2,400 years. It has been more widely used than any other medicine and, used correctly, is safe and effective for everyday pain relief — the reason for its widespread availability.

Additionally, doctors prescribe aspirin for many medical conditions and beneficial new uses for aspirin are still emerging.

So you can continue to use aspirin with confidence — it's a valuable everyday home remedy.

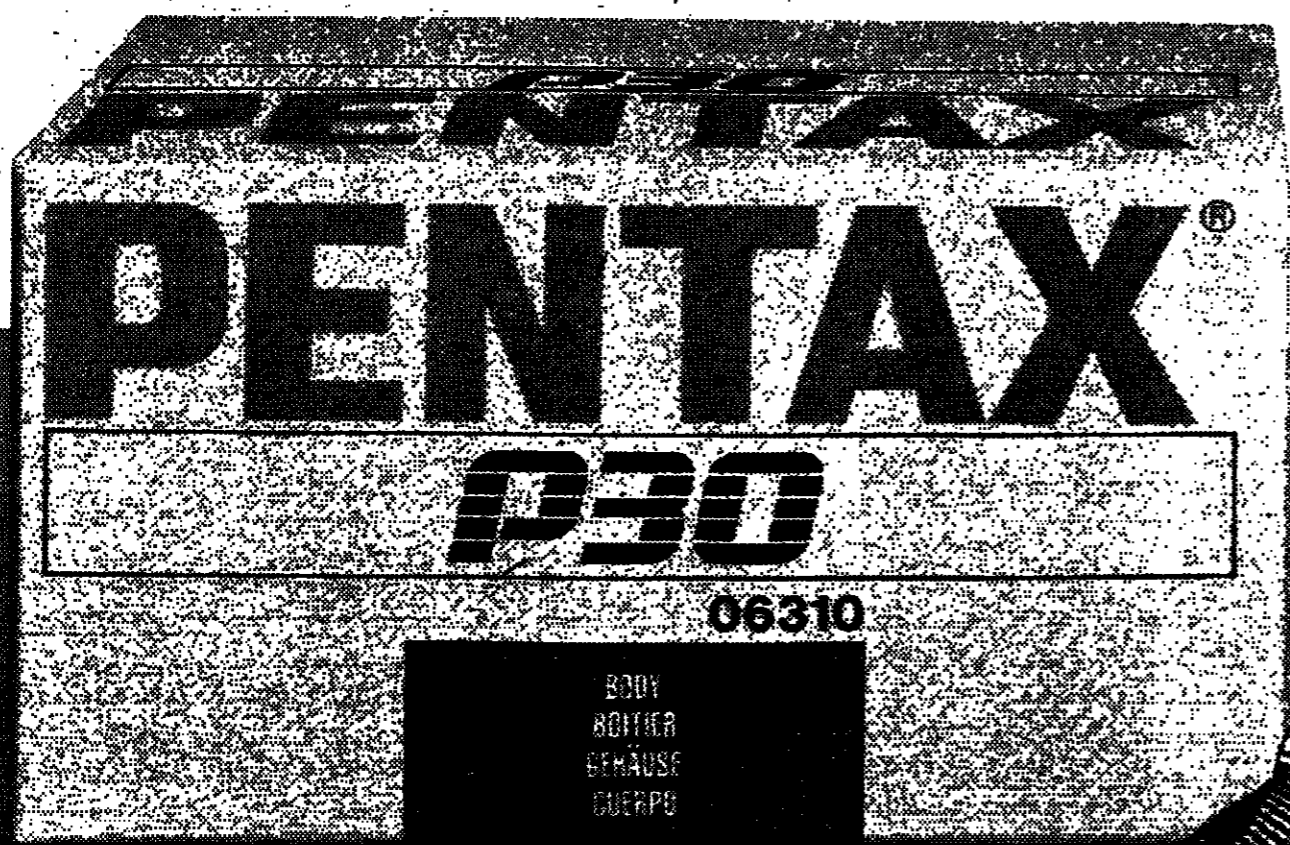
Until we know more about Reye's Syndrome, all we ask is that you don't give aspirin to children under 12, without medical advice.

Issued by the Aspirin Foundation in consultation with the Department of Health and Social Security.

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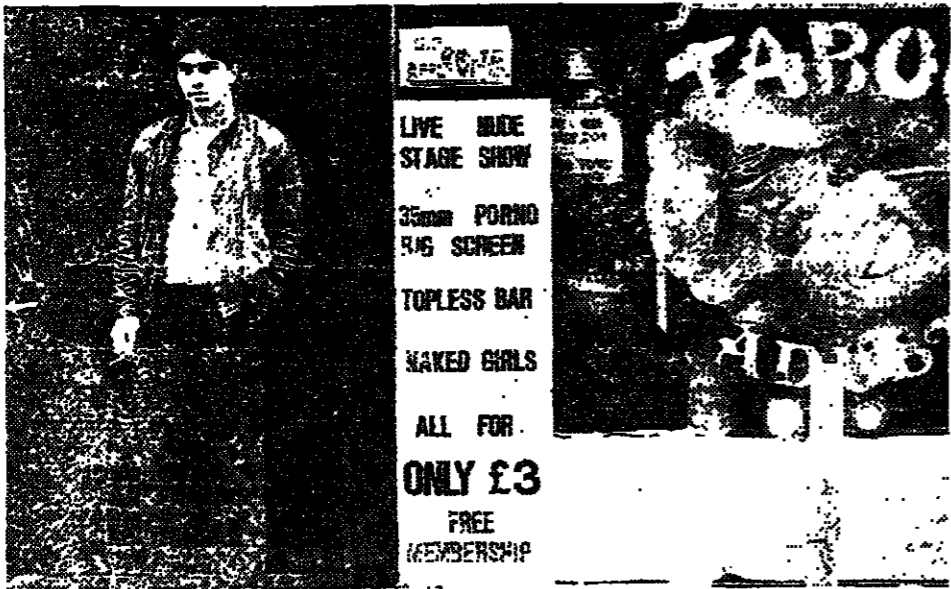


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SPECTRUM

Taking sex out of Soho

Next week sees the latest in a long line of attempts to clean up London's red-light district. Marcel Berlins took to the streets to gauge the likely impact of licensing restrictions



Taboo's the word: can a cleaned-up Soho avoid falling victim to Covent Garden syndrome?

To John Galsworthy, Soho was "untidy, full of Greeks, Ishmaelites, cats, Italians, tomatoes, restaurants, organs, coloured stuffs, queer names, and people looking out of upper windows".

A generation or two later, it was London's own Bohemia, with prostitutes in the streets, Absolute Beginners, drinking clubs, struggling artists, and a community of ebulliently louche characters whose exploits are recalled in literary journals and in the precincts, now tainted by fame, of the Coach and Horses in Greek Street. That Soho died too, to be replaced in the mid-Sixties by the sleaziness of the sex shop, the X-film and the taintiness of the T-shirt generation, instant food and instant drugs.

topless bars and near-beer bars (selling non-alcoholic drinks); nude encounter parlours and studios where customers pay to photograph nudes.

Westminster Council intends to give licences to only 10 premises. Peter Hartley, chairman of the council's environment committee, says: "We will award licences to responsible businessmen who do not have a criminal record, who will keep proper accounts and who will generally run the place efficiently and honestly."

well lit. I wouldn't walk in Covent Garden alone at night, but I'm not scared in Soho", says an elderly habitue.

Most complaints to the police from non-residents are about being cheated. There are inevitably some robberies and muggings, but the shadier elements are usually content to earn their keep through deception rather than violence.

needs of the permanent community. That may be a forlorn hope. There are already signs that increasing rents are driving away existing traders, even before the further rises that redevelopment of the former sex premises are expected to bring.

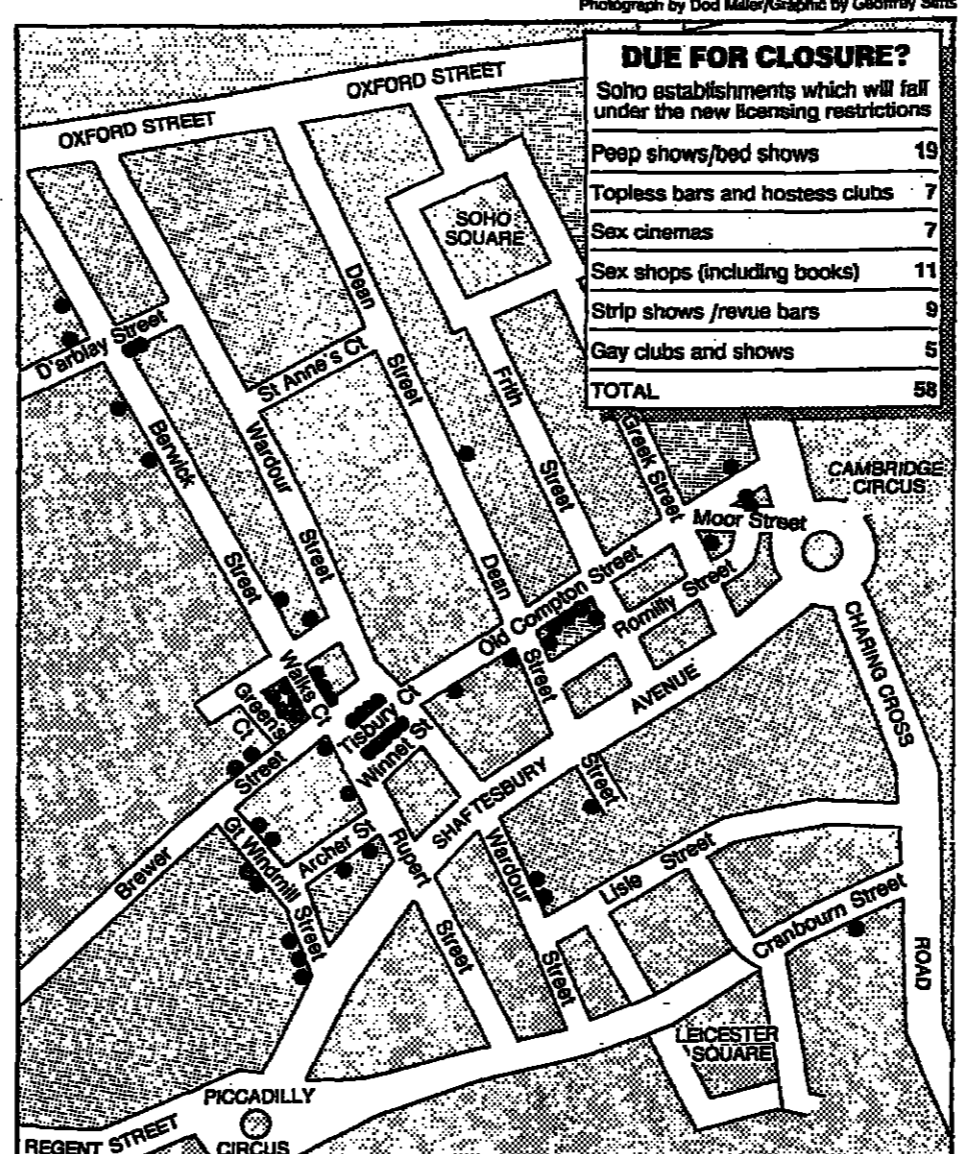
Next door, Powell & Co, Gents' Outfitters, demonstrates the possible future face of Soho. It sells relatively pricey stylish clothes, specializing in period styles like mid-century American.

Soho, for all its still strong community identity and the enthusiastic binding activities of the Soho Society, has not escaped the effects of second-generation dispersal. The children of the Greeks, Chinese and Jews who lived and worked there have largely chosen to live elsewhere, even if their businesses are still in the area.

Up to now, speculating residential developers have been kept at bay by controlled rents and a strong housing association; but the association says that prices, even for property in poor condition, will soon rise beyond its reach.

'People just don't like coming into this street'

when prostitutes roamed freely are now recalled with nostalgia. But what new Soho will emerge? Will it, like Covent Garden, become a twee and soulless place, artificial and hardly habitable, existing only to service the demands of tourists and guzzlers?



DUE FOR CLOSURE?	
Soho establishments which will fall under the new licensing restrictions	
Peep shows/bed shows	19
Topless bars and hostess clubs	7
Sex cinemas	7
Sex shops (including books)	11
Strip shows/revue bars	9
Gay clubs and shows	5
TOTAL	58

Deadly virus, deadly rivals

The search for an Aids cure may be hampered by competition over patent rights between the top research groups

A bitter row is preventing cooperation between the two front-runners in the bid to discover a vaccine to combat Aids. And the quarrel looks petty to the layman.

The dispute concerns two powerful research teams and renowned laboratories in biomedical science. One is led by Dr Robert Gallo at the National Cancer Institute of the US National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

The wrangle over patents could take years to resolve. Signs of trouble were apparent early last year. A February, 1985, report in *The Times* indicated that a rush to be first to publish scientific papers had led to discrepancies in the classification of the Aids virus.



Doctors in dispute: Dr Gallo, top, and Dr Montagnier

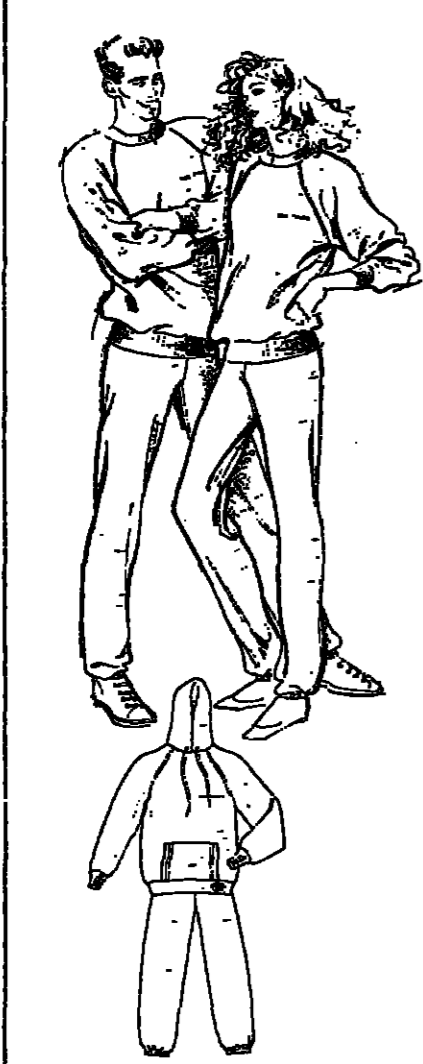
series, the name Human T-cell Lymphotropic Virus, HTLV-III, was adopted in November 1983.

Eminent scientists, after more than a year of work, negotiated a new name for the virus, which avoided the dispute over priority of discovery.

The Pasteur institute has already filed a legal suit following a patent awarded for a test developed by Gallo's group to detect antibody molecules in the blood revealing the presence of Aids virus.

Pearce Wright

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Pentagon law

America's latest Ramboesque film stars government hardware in an aerial spectacle



Near the end of *Top Gun*, one of the United States' top-grossing films, there is a spectacular aerial dogfight in which US Navy pilots shoot down four Soviet MIG fighters over the Indian Ocean - in teardrops.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 973

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

SOLUTIONS TO NO 972 ACROSS: 1 Jump up 5 Darn 8 Utter 9 Trimmed 11 Bull's eye 13 Stag 15 Reserve eleven

COUNTDOWN TO D-DAY

Advertisement for Motor magazine featuring a car and the text 'August 1 is the day when the D registration plate hits the streets. If you're thinking about a new car, don't miss Motor.'

VAT relief for charity goods sent overseas

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent
The Government is to stop charging value-added tax on goods sent overseas by charities.

Thatcher and Kinnock clash on BA choice

Continued from page 1
While ministers are unwilling to speculate on what would happen if BA did buy American, some of them believe that the Government would be forced to intervene to prevent that happening.



A resident of the devastated KTC squatter camp outside Cape Town, part of Crossroads, surveying the ruins of his home destroyed in the fighting.

20,000 township homeless

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The crisis came to a head at a meeting yesterday of the joint standing committee of the white, Indian and Coloured chambers at which the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, refused to amend the Bills in any significant way.

Hopes for cheaper mortgages recede

Continued from page 1
There has been much talk of impending EMS membership in the money markets. Mrs Thatcher's rejection helped the pound to gain two pence against the DM3.37 against the mark.

Children's aspirin sales are banned

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and brain, and can produce permanent damage. In Britain there are annualy three and seven cases per million children aged under 16.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

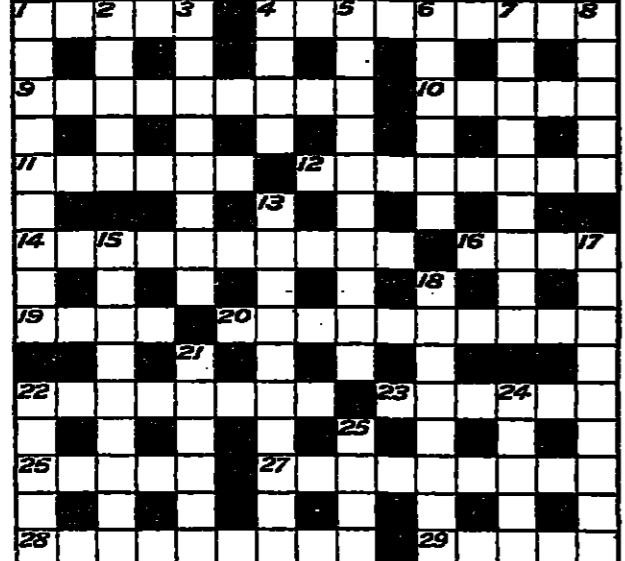
Royal engagements
The Queen opens the new medical precinct of The Royal College of Physicians, St. Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, 3.30.

gramme, BP Oil, Llandarcy, Neath, 10.50; then, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, he performs the opening ceremony of the modernised strip mill at the British Steel Corporation's works, Port Talbot, 1.25; and later they attend a concert at the Barbican Centre, 7.25.

Andover Group, Andover, Hampshire, 2.20. Princess Margaret opens the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair, 2.50.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,069

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 38 per cent of the competitors in this year's Birmingham regional final of the Collins Dictionary Times Crossword Championship.



ACROSS
1 Fish from a rod (5).
4 One of those heard o'er the lee, example of a small type (5).

Princess Michael of Kent dines with the Royal Naval Reserve Officers Club, The Naval Club, Hill St, W.1, 8. New exhibition
The Art of the Architect: Treasures from the RIBA's Collection, Newcastle Polytechnic Gallery, Library Building, Sandford Rd, Mon to Thurs 10 to 6, Fri and Sat 10 to 4 (ends July 11).

TV top ten

- National top ten television programmes in the week ending June 11: 1 EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 20.20m, 2 EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 19.25m, 3 News (Sun) (Sat 21-15) 12.55m, 4 That's the Life 12.30m, 5 Cagney and Lucy 10.00m, 6 Crossroads (Thurs) 10.45m, 7 All Creatures Great and Small 10.20m, 8 News, Sport and Weather (Sat 21:50) 10.00m, 9 ITV, 1 Live and Let Die 11.45pm, 2 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 14.20m, 3 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 15.20m, 4 World Cup '86 11.12.00m, 5 News at the Unprecedented 10.50m, 6 Emmerdale Farm (Tue) Yorkshire 10.00m, 7 Crossroads (Wed) Central 10.70m, 8 Crossroads (Tue) Central 10.65m, 9 News at the Unprecedented 10.50m, 10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (Sun) 10.20m.

Roads

The Midlands: M1: Roadworks continue between junctions 15 (A508) and 16 (A45); contraflow, M5: Major roadworks between junctions 4 (Bromsgrove) and 5 (Droitwich) contraflow, A5: Traffic reduced to a single lane at Weston under Lizard, E of Telford; temporary lights. Wales and West: M5: Roadworks between junctions 23 and 24, N and southbound outside lanes closed, M42: Major restrictions between junctions 21 and 22 (Severn Bridge); delays expected, A38: N and southbound lane closures on the Plymouth to Exeter road and the Lydridge to Ashburton Rd. The North: M6: Rebuilding work on concrete section between junctions 32 and 33; both carriageways affected at different times, M63: Major widening scheme at Barton bridge, Greater Manchester; various traffic restrictions until June 20, avoid if possible, A49: Work in connection with construction of Tarporley bypass; care required N and S of Tarporley. Scotland: M9: Roadworks between Firrhill and Kinnaird; inside lane on both carriageways closed, Glasgow, Southbound carriageway closed on Berryknowes Rd between Carham Drive and Kingsland Drive; two way northbound, A1: Road works and construction work on mile east of Granton on Spey for approximately one mile.

Weather forecast

A depression to the N of Scotland will move away slowly N and fill. A further small low will move across SW areas.

6 am to midnight
London, SE, E, central N, NE England, East Angles, Midlands: Sunny periods and isolated showers; wind W to SW, light to moderate, becoming variable; max temp 17C (63F). Central S, SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Rather cloudy rain in places, clearing later; wind SW, backing to SE, light to moderate; max temp 16C (61F). N Wales, NW England, Lake District, East of Mer, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals and scattered showers; wind W to SW, light to moderate, becoming variable; max temp 15C (59F). Argyll, NW Scotland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind NW, fresh, decreasing later; max temp 12C (54F). Shetland: Cloudy, with outbreaks of rain; wind light variable becoming W to NW, fresh; max temp 12C (54F). Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Cloudy with some rain tomorrow, although only small amounts in the Intervals of Friday. Becoming warmer in the S and E.

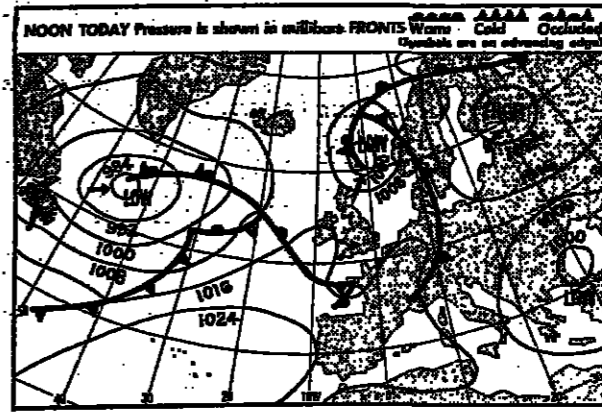


Table of High Tides for various locations in the UK, including London Bridge, Aberdeen, Belfast, etc., with columns for time and height.

Table of weather and tide information for around Britain, including sections for East Coast, South Coast, and North West Coast with various weather codes and tide data.

Table of international weather information for various countries like Algeria, Argentina, Australia, etc., with columns for location, weather, and temperature.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motions on social security benefits, Financial Services Bill, progress on remaining stages, Southbound carriageway closed on Berryknowes Rd between Carham Drive and Kingsland Drive; two way northbound, A1: Road works and construction work on mile east of Granton on Spey for approximately one mile.

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Anniversaries

Births: Ben Jonson, London, 1572; Jola Constable, East Bergholt, Suffolk, 1776; Mrs Humphry Ward, novelist, Hopton Town, Tasmania, 1851; Richard Strauss, Munich, 1864; Deafie, George I (retired), 1714-77; Osnabruck, Germany, 1727; Sir John Franklin, explorer, King William Island, 1847; Alexander Kerensky, revolutionary, New York, 1870.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 8 am, 11.20 am, 5.45 pm and again at 6.15 pm.

Arabic calligraphy at the bottom of the page.

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

London International bid for Wedgwood referred

By Richard Lander

The £150 million bid by the London International Group for the Wedgwood china and pottery company lapsed yesterday after being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

However, a diversified consumer products group, vowing to fight on and retain its 10 per cent stake in Wedgwood until the result of the commission's enquiries are released.

The results exceeded City expectations and Wedgwood shares, which had fallen 40p to 30 1/2p since the weekend on expectations of a referral, bounced back to end the day just 2p lower at 32 1/2p.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Money figures hit City for six

The May money supply numbers were released just as the Indians were hitting the winning runs against England at Lord's. It is hard to judge which caused the most dismay in the City.

other counterparts and depressing bank lending. The sharp rise in broad money last month has, according to the Treasury, not affected its position that monetary conditions, taken as a whole, are not lax.

Disappointment and surprise in the LI camp were mixed with a determination to see the matter through and retain the 10 per cent stake in Wedgwood which was bought from Warburg Investment Management.

However, hopes, including those of the Chancellor, that European Monetary System parities for the pound will fill the void vacated by broad money targets were dealt a telling blow.

The board is confident that clearance will be given for a new offer to be made. Mr Richard Heley, a director of LI's advisers, Hill Samuel, said: "But we'll have to see if the job of a bid makes Wedgwood do things over the next six months that could make it less attractive for us to launch another bid."

Domestic gas users are to be offered big incentives to buy shares in British Gas when it is floated on the Stock Exchange in November. The Government is planning to introduce a voucher scheme which will entitle purchasers of British Gas shares to a discount on their gas bills.

The scheme, which will be similar to the one used to help sell British Telecom to the public in November 1984, is part of a package of outstanding privatization matters which is expected to be agreed shortly between Sir Denis Rooke, British Gas's chairman, and the accommodating Secretary of State for Energy, Peter Walker.

LI's three-for-two share offer, which valued Wedgwood at 310.5p, had attracted only minimal support. Analysts had expected an improved offer with a cash alternative had the OFT decision gone the other way.

Subscribers to the British Telecom issue were offered vouchers worth £18 each which could be set against their quarterly telephone bills provided they remained loyal and held their British Telecom shares for at least eight months after the flotation.

But within hours of welcoming the new offer Benford found itself back on the ropes when BM raised its terms and in a stock market buying spree lifted its holding in Benford to around 29 per cent.

Something very similar to the voucher scheme is now planned for British Gas which now looks certain to come to market with a price tag of around £5 billion. Among other issues close to resolution are the level of debt that British Gas will be floated with and the detail of the formula for controlling gas prices.

Last night Mr Roger Shute, the chief executive of BM, said: "We have been studying Benford since 1984 and believe we can really make it work. Quite frankly I am amazed at the move by Blackwood Hodge. The effect on their earnings a share will be astronomical."

Sir Denis would plainly have liked a debt-free corporation to bring to market but that was never a realistic proposition given the scope it would have given the company for substantial acquisition making. Reluctantly he has agreed to the injection of some £2.5 billion of debt reducing the value of shares to be sold in the City from around £8 billion to £5 billion.

BM picked up a block of 3.3 million shares in the market paying up to 90p a share against the 84.5p cash alternative offered by Blackwood Hodge and the 13-for-8 share swap.

The other aspect of the package is the X factor in the formula for controlling gas prices. After prolonged discussions between the Treasury, the Department of Energy and Sir Denis, a formula allowing British Gas to raise prices annually by 2 per cent below the rate of inflation appears to have been agreed.

Benford has a sizeable share of the UK market for site dumpers and despite fierce competition from imported plant, sales have gone up by 144 per cent between 1981 and 1985.

All is now set for the marketing hype proper to begin. A low key start to the campaign is planned next month.

STOCK MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Index Name and Value. Includes FT 30 Share (1314.4 -15.1), FT-SE 100 (1586.4 -18.2), USM (Datastream) (121.82 -0.13), US Dollar (1.5185 +0.0200), W German mark (3.3680 +0.0211), Trade-weighted (75.9 +0.5).

Liberty Life bid

Liberty Life, the largest life assurance company in South Africa, yesterday announced an agreed offer for Continental and Industrial Trust, a general investment trust, through its British investment subsidiary, Transatlantic Insurance Holdings.

The offer forms the latest move by the South African company in a policy of developing its financial services interests in Britain.

Metal Box dip

Pretax profits at Metal Box fell from £68.1 million to £65.8 million in the year to March 31. Turnover was down from £1.13 billion to £1.11 billion and the dividend is up from 17.5p to 19p.

Dividend up

Electrocomponents, the distributor of electronic components, lifted its pretax profits from £20.6 million to £25.2 million in the year to March 31. Turnover rose from £164 million to £200 million and the final dividend is 4.4p, up from 3.7p.

Bid accepted

RFD is recommending the increased and final offer by Wards Stores, but points out to shareholders the value of the cash alternative. Wards has indicated that it will offer 80p in cash for each preference share.

Mann offer

The partial offer by Hambros to acquire 9.94 million Mann and Co shares has been declared unconditional as to acceptances with 59.2 per cent. Mann's own offer for Baird Eves received 99.6 per cent acceptances.

£11m deal

FKI Electricals is to issue 13.77 million new shares to buy Laurence, Scott & Electromotors and Laurence, Scott & Electromotors (Wolverhampton) from MS International for a total of £11 million.

90% accept

The offer by PWS International for Howard Group has been declared unconditional after acceptances for 90.05 per cent of Howard shares.

Ratners rise

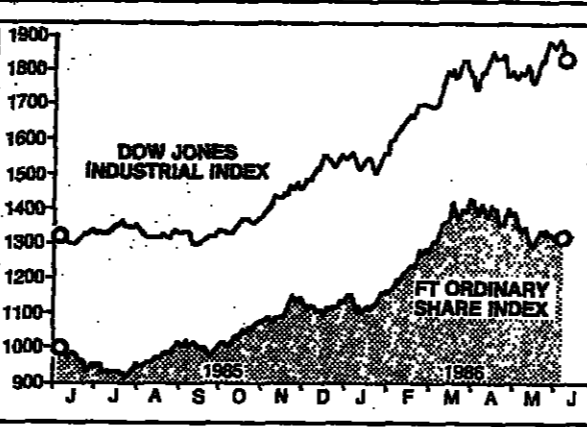
Ratners has increased its offer for H Samuel's 4.7 per cent preference shares to 100p a share.

SIB ceiling may be £50,000

The level of compensation to individuals suffering loss through the failure or fraud of investment businesses authorized under the new self-regulatory regime is likely to be fixed at around £50,000 by the Securities and Investments Board.

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BM lifts stake in Benford

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MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 2 columns: Market Name and Value. Includes New York (1825.75 -14.40), Tokyo (16967.89 -40.65), Hong Kong (1791.38 +13.12), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Price Change. Includes Electrocomponents (385p +10p), Colorful Group (205p +40p), etc.

GOLD

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Value. Includes London Fixing (AM \$347.55 pm \$347.70), etc.

INTEREST RATES

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Value. Includes 3-month 10% (3.30%), 3-month interbank (9 1/4%), etc.

CURRENCIES

Table with 2 columns: Currency Name and Value. Includes London (1.5185), New York (\$1.5200), etc.

GROFUND

Advertisement for Grofund featuring a line graph titled 'PERFORMANCE COMPARISON' showing Grofund Japan Trust and Opal Japan Unit Trust Index from 1985 to 1986. Text describes competitive management and growth rates.

Large advertisement for 'Upwardly mobile' featuring the Grofund logo and text: 'accelerating fast presenting an outstanding opportunity for new investors. This excellent record has been achieved through sensitive reaction to markets, combined with a fast and flexible approach to fund management...'.

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WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) - Share prices fell further in early trading yesterday as the selling which had continued from Monday - when the market suffered its biggest one-day slump in history - gathered momentum.

The market's failure to penetrate Monday's closing level in an attempted rally and scattered sell programmes also led to bearishness.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by a further 9.28 points to 1,830.87. On Monday, it slumped by 45.75 points to 1,840.15.

The number of stocks falling outnumbered rising ones by three to one on 39 million shares traded.

The market's weakness was again broad-based, as in Monday's drop. Once more, shares ignored the initial strength of the bond market.

John Blair rose by 1 to 19 1/2. Macfadden has raised its bid.

Table with columns: Bid, Offer, Change, Yield. Lists various stocks and their market performance.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES. Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like US Dollar, Swiss Franc, etc.

Starting index compared with 1975 was up at 75.9 (range 75.4-76.5). Rates compiled by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Estel. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %. Table showing deposit rates for various banks and currencies.

GOLD. Table showing gold prices and related market data.

ECGD. Table showing ECGD rates and other financial data.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES. Table showing futures prices for various financial instruments.

CANADIAN PRICES. Table showing Canadian market prices and indices.

COMMODITIES

STERLING finished an active session yesterday widely higher in terms of the dollar. It closed with a gain of 2 cents at 1.5185 and its effective exchange rate index showed an improvement of 0.5 to 75.9.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES. Table showing spot rates for various currencies.

OTHER STERLING RATES. Table showing other sterling rates and exchange data.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE. Table showing commodity prices for various goods like sugar, coffee, etc.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS. Large table listing various investment trusts and their performance metrics.

COMMODITIES

Prices in £ per metric tonne. Table showing commodity prices for various goods.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK. Table showing prices for various types of meat and livestock.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS. Table showing financial trust prices and performance.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Extensive table listing various unit trusts, their managers, and performance data. Includes sections for UK Unit Trusts, Overseas Unit Trusts, and various specialized funds.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'THE TIMES' and other branding elements.

Lloyd's chief predicts PCW case settlement

By Lawrence Lever

A settlement of the PCW case, in which Lloyd's names face losses of up to £200 million, would be achieved by the end of this year, Mr Alan Lord, Lloyd's deputy chairman and chief executive, predicted yesterday.

Mr Lord said that the idea of the PCW names pursuing legal action in the United States this summer appeared to "have dropped out of sight." Negotiations for a settlement of the PCW affair were still at a preliminary stage, and would not be easy.

However, he expected that there would be a negotiated settlement — "hopefully before the end of this year."

Mr Lord denied reports that the council of Lloyd's was anxious that the results of the Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into Unimar — the offshore company into which Mr Peter Cameron-Webb and Mr Peter Dixon are alleged to have siphoned

names' money — should not be published.

He said that, if the DTI wanted to publish the report, Lloyd's would welcome it. The report might contain things that Lloyd's own inquiries had not unearthed, and these might require action to be taken in the interests of Lloyd's own members.

Two parliamentary questions about the publication of the DTI report were tabled yesterday by Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South and Shore-ditch. He will ask whether the Government will publish the report and what action it proposes to take.

A spokesman for Lloyd's said yesterday that there would be a written response to the questions by the end of this week at the earliest.

Mr Lord did not think that the PCW negotiations would mean that the accounts of Lloyd's would need to be qualified, although he refused

M6 store to raise £5.5m

By Cliff Feltham

Customers regularly clock up 100 miles of motorway driving to shop at the M6 Cash and Carry wholesalers which this month makes its stock market debut with a value of more than £5 million.

Originally a family business — with three West Midlands depots all within easy reach of the M6 at Haydock, Crewe and Brierley Hill — it passed into the almost complete ownership of J Rothschild Holdings in the early 1980s. Rothschild will be reducing its stake to around 30 per cent and raising about £5.5 million.

Profits have shown steady growth last year totalling £270,000 on turnover of nearly £60 million. There is no profit forecast for the current year.

The shares are coming to the Unlisted Securities Market through an issue by Barclays Merchant Bank and Kitecat and Aitken, the stockbrokers.

Costain rights call for £62.4m

By Clare Doble

however, require Costain to put up substantial amounts of money. The power station might cost £400 million to build.

In America, Costain intends to spend up to \$30 million (£20 million) on developing Nicor Mineral Ventures, a small company which it recently agreed to buy for \$6 million. Nicor mines silica, gold and talc.

The ratio of net debt to

shareholders' funds was 12 per cent at December 31. Current spending plans would take that ratio to 35 per cent by the next year-end.

The company has invested £216 million since 1979 on diversifying into coal mining, housebuilding, property development and specialist engineering.

The shares fell 28p to 540p on the news.

Bond close to victory at Hampton

By Michael Prest

Metals Exploration, the Australian mining company controlled by Mr Alan Bond, appeared close yesterday to taking control of Hampton Gold Mining Areas. It raised its bid for the natural resources and engineering group from 130p to 150p a share and announced that it held, or had acceptances for, 31.5 per cent of Hampton.

On Monday, Hampton advised shareholders to reject the Metals Exploration bid and tried to bolster its defences by revaluing its assets to 205p a share and reporting a sharp increase in earnings for the second half of the year to the end of March.

Mr George Livingstone-Learnmouth, Hampton's managing director, attacked Mr Bond for being opportunistic.

But, yesterday, sources close to Metals Exploration argued that the revaluations of Hampton's gold, oil, nickel and coal properties were based

on optimistic assumptions about raw material prices and discount rates.

The sources also pointed out that Hampton's pretax profits of £2.38 million were little more than in 1985 and that a £10 million extraordinary charge caused by the collapse of oil prices left Hampton, which is being advised by Samuel Montagu, unable to pay a final dividend.

Mr Livingstone-Learnmouth

RFD agrees £29m Wardle offer

By Richard Lander

RFD Group, the mini-conglomerate with interests ranging from specialist textiles to defence and safety products, has finally agreed to a takeover bid from Wardle Storeys, the plastic sheeting manufacturer.

After fiercely opposing Wardle's initial offer and then advising acceptance of a rival bid from a white knight in the shape of the Scapa Group, the technical products company, RFD yesterday recommended Wardle Storeys' raised £29 million offer.

However, the tone of the RFD acceptance indicated lingering unhappiness with the Wardle offer, and the company is thought to be talking to another party in a last-minute attempt to escape Wardle.

Wardle's managing director, Mr Brian Taylor, has said he is interested only in RFD's defence and safety sides, and that he will consider selling the textiles division to Scapa or other parties.

Scapa, on the other hand, is looking to retain the textiles side and dispose of the other divisions.

With management buyouts seen as possibilities by both suitors, the RFD board recommendations have been made by the company's non-executive directors.

Scapa's managing director, Mr Bill Goodall, said yesterday that his company was examining all its options.

Wardle has offered a 16-for-25 share swap which values RFD shares at 203p, 2p lower than yesterday's market price.

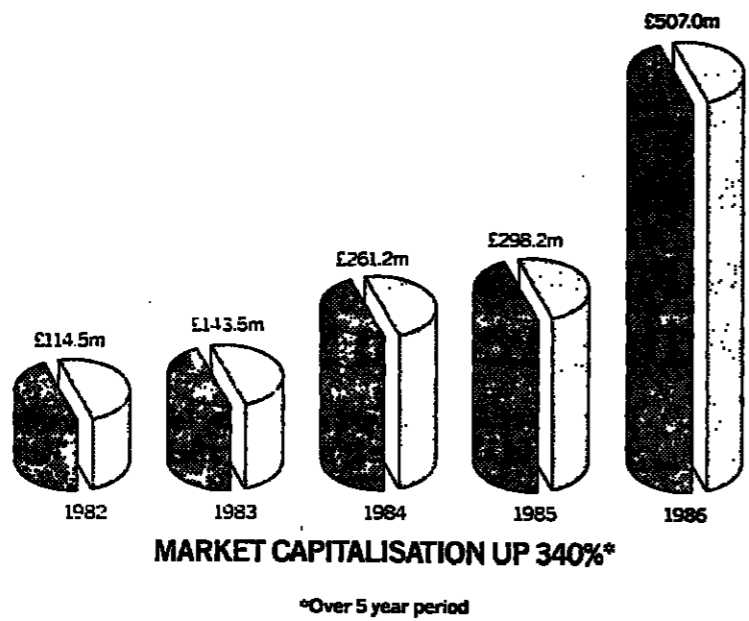
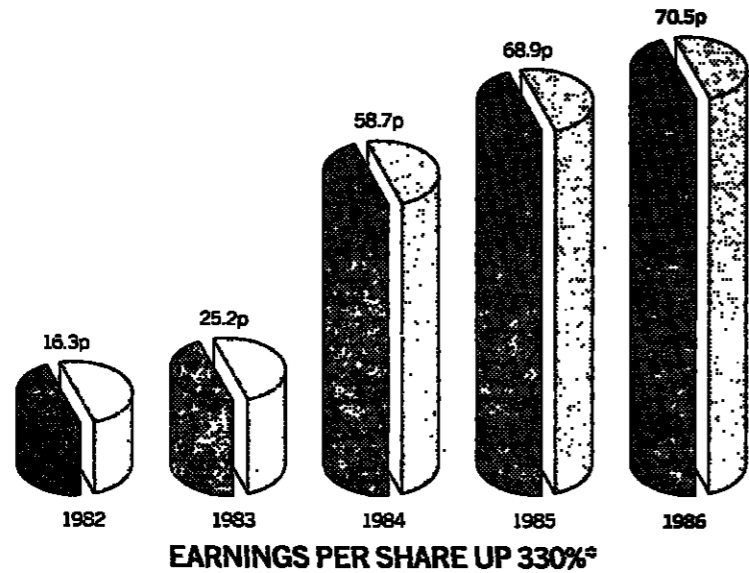
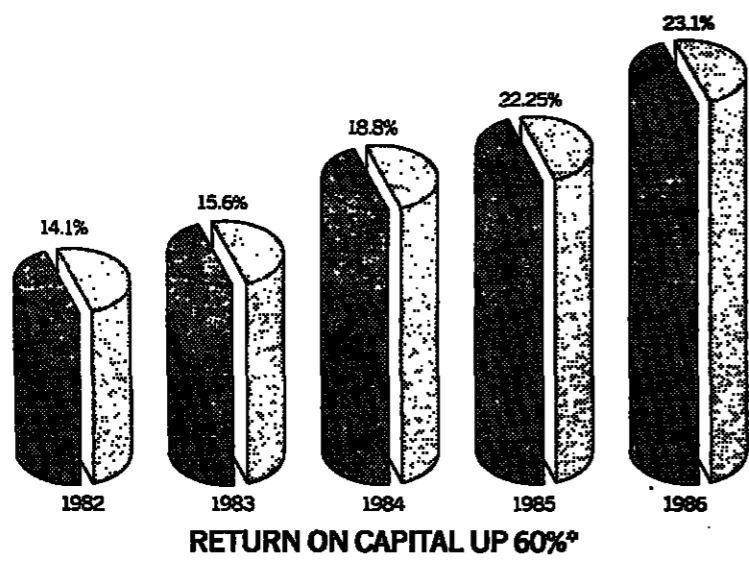
However, RFD's acceptance yesterday suggested shareholders might be better off taking the 205p cash alternative which, it said, had more certain value.

In either case shareholders will get the final RFD dividend, which is being raised from 2.71p to 4p. Scapa's paper offer is worth 194p with a cash alternative of 195p.

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Opening up the future

Devenish to call time on dozens of tenants

By Our City Staff

Mr Michael Cannon, the new head of the J A Devenish chain of more than 300 public houses, is preparing to give dozens of tenants their marching orders.

He believes that many are paying far too little for their tenancies, and he wants to bring in his own managers.

Mr Cannon has been planning the shake-up since he reversed his Inn Leisure business into the bigger Devenish group.

The move will obviously make Mr Cannon unpopular with many tenants.

Mr Cannon is also likely to upset Whitbread, the brewing group, whose investment arm

Nippon comes to UK

communications monopoly before it was privatized in April last year, has decided to open the subsidiaries in an attempt to effectively deal with dollar-based equipment purchases overseas, company officials said.

The company bought 36.9 billion yen (£147 million) worth of equipment from other countries in fiscal 1985 ended last March 31, and the volume is expected to continue to rise in the future.

St Piran inquiry urged

Two companies formerly controlled by Mr James Raper, the financier, had been stripped of their assets and required investigation, a High Court judge said yesterday.

Mr Justice Hoffmann made compulsory winding-up orders against St Piran and Gasco Investments UK, on petitions brought on their behalf by Mr Ian Watt, who was appointed Receiver last December.

Mr Simon Mortimore, counsel for the Receiver, told the judge that the petitions were based on insolvency "and the fact that during the course of last year all the assets were removed out of St Piran."

He said the only director was Mr Raper, who was out of the High Court's jurisdiction.

The judge said he was satisfied that the companies had been stripped of all their assets.

"St Piran seems to be unable to pay its debts, and Gasco has no assets and is completely defunct."

"To put it at its lowest, there are matters which require to be investigated as to the circumstances in which these assets were disposed of."

ENI 'to stay in the black'

Rome (AP-Dow Jones) — Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI), Italy's diversified state oil company, expects to remain in the black despite the volatility in oil markets as a three-year "housecleaning" programme continues to produce results.

Senior officials now claim the company has finally recovered from the muddled and depressing period it endured in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The company has reduced its presence in loss-making coal and nuclear energy and has concentrated on its core oil and gas business.

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Fears grow that Mexico may stop debt payments

Mexico City (Reuters) — Speculation is mounting that Mexico may stop repaying its huge foreign debt as its economic condition worsens, pushing the peso still lower against the dollar.

Almost exactly four years ago, falling oil prices and rising interest rates forced Mexico to default on the so-called Latin American debt bomb by suspending interest payments on the \$80 billion (£53 billion) it owed overseas creditors.

Now with the debt nearly \$100 billion and oil prices again well below their usual levels, fears are growing that the country will once again stop paying, a move which would throw world financial markets into disarray and possibly set a into train similar moves by other Latin American debtors.

In the past week the free-market peso has slumped to around 730 to the dollar from just 520, unsettled by

Tuesday's street violence and depressed by Mexico's worsening economic condition, bankers say.

More than 200 people were injured and about 80 arrested in a riot when Mexico beat Belgium 2-1 in a World Cup match.

Fuelling the rumours have been confusing statements from the Finance Minister, Senator Jesus Silva Herzog, who in the past week has said Mexico may have to suspend payments on the \$9 billion interest it owes this year, yet has assured reporters there is enough in central bank coffers to pay.

A possible solution might be a negotiated payments pause to give the country breathing space, perhaps through allowing repayment in pesos, which would allow Mexico to keep its precious dollars and the banks to continue classifying their loans as "performing" or interest-earning.

Another might be the inclusion in any deal of more exotic devices such as the banks agreeing to accept shares in state-owned companies in lieu of hard cash — anathema to the bankers — or taking bonds linked to the value of a barrel of oil.

More likely, they say, is that agreement will finally be reached with the International Monetary Fund, allowing serious talks to go ahead with the banks on lightening the debt load through easier payment terms.

Finance Ministry spokesmen dismiss the theories as rumours but offer no concrete information.

Neither has the Central Bank made any comment on the steep fall of the free-rate peso beyond saying the more important government-controlled rate, which accounts for 80 per cent of foreign exchange dealings, has kept calm, losing only 1.3 pesos yesterday to 547 to the dollar.

APPOINTMENTS Craddock named as Cartier director

Cartier: Mr Aleck Craddock has joined the board. Kennedy Brooks: Mr Nick Newland has become group director of finance. American Medical International: Mr Gee E Bartleson has been made executive vice-president and chief operating officer.

Conder Group: Mr W C Robinson has been named as group managing director. Mr R T Paramor has become managing director of Conder Southern. Mr A E Simpson



Sir James Cleminson becomes a director with responsibility for the IEI companies.

MRB Group: Mr Tim Bowles is made group managing director.

Eastern Counties Newspapers Group: Sir James Cleminson has been appointed a non-executive director. He is also to become chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board.

Cooper Estates: Mrs Elizabeth Roberts has been made the director of the US property division and Mr Richard Maylam director of the UK property division.

Sasco: Mr Jim Cullumaine has been promoted to sales director.

Japan and Germany in firing line over growth

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Japan and West Germany look set to face an increasingly difficult time convincing the rest of the world that they are doing enough to foster growth.

Yesterday, it was announced in Tokyo that Japan had a record trade surplus of \$7.532 billion (£5.021 billion), more than double the surplus a year earlier.

Mr Beryl Sprinkel, chairman of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, told an audience of Japanese businessmen that the trade surplus must be reduced, or the yen will be forced higher.

"The present imbalances are politically and economically unsustainable," he said.

West Germany announced a 1 per cent fall in gross national product in the first quarter yesterday. GNP was only 1.6 per cent higher than a year earlier.

protectionist push in the US Congress in the autumn.

Its trade surplus with the United States last month was \$4.058 billion, the third biggest on record. However, one crumb of comfort for Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, was that imports from the United States were a record \$2.874 billion, 25.6 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Mr Nakasone has launched a series of drives to increase awareness of imported goods among Japanese consumers, the latest of which was in April.

Even so, Japan's exports to the United States were 2 1/2

Car exports to the EEC were up by a dramatic 167%

times her imports from there, at \$6.931 billion.

Officials in Tokyo suggest that trade figures in dollar terms are misleading because of the yen's sharp correction against the dollar — it has risen by more than 50 per cent — in the past year.

But in key sensitive areas of trade, exports remain strong in dollar and yen terms and in volume.

Car exports to the US last month were 31.6 per cent up on a year earlier, bus and truck exports rose by 52.2 per cent. Exports of television sets rose by 49 per cent, compared with May 1985, and computer sales increased by 36.1 per cent.

The strength of Japanese exports is not confined to the US market.

Last month, car exports to the EEC totalled \$423.7 million, a dramatic 167.3 per cent up on a year earlier. Truck and bus exports rose by an only slightly less surprising 119.2 per cent, to \$58.9 million.

The other side of the coin on the yen's rise and the

Iran speeds up refinery building

Tokyo (AP-Dow Jones) — Iran is moving ahead with plans to expand its domestic refining capacity by 400,000 barrels a day despite mounting concern that it faces a chronic hard currency shortage.

Japanese, South Korean and European companies have been invited to bid for a \$1.5 billion construction contract for a refinery at Bandar Abbas, a Gulf port.

Several of the bidding companies said that the Iranians wanted the project completed by 1989 — the same target date as that for the completion of a refinery at Arak, near Tehran.

The plants are each designed to add 200,000 barrels a day to Iran's 700,000 barrels-a-day refining capacity, which is about 200,000 barrels-a-day short of self-sufficiency.

they intend to begin.

"Their reliability is not so clear," said an official at a Japanese trading company which is considering bidding on the Bandar Abbas project.

Another trading house official said that Iran seemed intent on speeding up the construction of both plants, but that they might eventually choose to complete only one.

"My personal assumption is that they will go ahead with just one," he added.

To minimize the required foreign borrowing, Iran originally planned to build the Arak refinery with its own engineers, importing only key units which it could not easily build at home.

Experts who visited Iran recently said that parts procurement had begun but that construction had yet to start. One said that the state oil company appeared to be torn over whether to invite in more foreign help.

The Iranians have asked bidders on the Bandar Abbas plant to accept payment in crude oil or petroleum products. "Their first choice is to have us agree to a (refined) products counter purchase," said one trading house official.

Alternatively, repayments could be made partly in products and partly in crude, he said. The Iranians consider an exchange involving only crude a last choice.

Mitsui and Co., which sold Iran the as-yet uncompleted and unpaid petrochemical plant, is one of 10 companies expected to bid on the Bandar Abbas project.

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COMPANY NEWS

- **STEAUA ROMANA:** The company has closed its New York office as part of a cost-cutting exercise. Its US operations now being conducted from the Dallas, Texas, office.
- **STEWART ENTERPRISE INVESTMENT COMPANY:** Dividend for the year to March 31, 1986, unchanged at 0.4p (same), payable on July 11. Shareholders' funds £7.59 million (£7.84 million). Pretax income £77,000 (£70,000). Other income £47.7 million (£49.0 million). Pretax profit £1.85 million (£19,000). Earnings per share 10.03p (2.77p). The board explains that the profit improvement reflects increased efficiency and some cost savings. Further profit growth is expected in 1986.
- **CONTINUOUS STATIONERY:** Year to March 31, 1986. Total dividend 0.9p (1.75p). Turnover £4.05 million (£4 million). Pretax loss (£132,000) (£1,000). Loss per share 1.85p (0.59p). The board reports that, in spite of the losses of the last two years, the balance sheet remains sound.
- **STRATA INVESTMENTS:** An interim dividend for the year to Oct. 31, 1986, but the board expects to pay a final. Pretax revenue for the period to April 30, £284,245. In the seven months since the company was launched, the money raised has been invested in small companies worldwide.
- **HOLDEN HYDROMAN:** A final dividend of 2.275p making 3.25p (3.25p) has been announced for the year to March 31. With figures in £000, turnover rose to 3,817 (3,850) and pretax profit to 322 (304).
- **STANDARD FIREWORKS:** An interim dividend (in lieu of a final) of 3.83p has been announced for the year to March 31. Consolidated operating profits slipped to £978,592 (£1,255,167) and consolidated profits after tax to £648,140 (£746,109).
- **PROPERTY HOLDINGS AND INVESTMENT:** Dividend 2.95p (2.5p). Rents received for the year to March 31 (£000): 8,823 (7,975); property outgoings 643 (842); net income from properties 8,180 (7,133); other income 346 (593); net rental and other income 8,526 (7,726); administration expenses 825 (596); interest payments 1,828 (1,363); profit on activities before tax 5,873 (5,767); tax 1,235 (2,432); earnings per share 5.88p (4.36p). Shareholders' funds £161 million (£140.7 million).
- **NEW AUSTRALIA INVESTMENT TRUST:** Valid acceptance of the offer on behalf of Mosskirk has been received in respect of 1,334,255 New Australia ordinary shares (26.68 per cent). Mosskirk, which immediately before the offer period held 2,089,899 ordinary shares (41.79 per cent), has not acquired or agreed to acquire any ordinary shares of New Australia during the offer period other than pursuant to the offer, which is now unconditional.
- **WESTFIELD MINERALS:** The company is planning to raise Can\$5 million via a private placement and a rights issue. Agreement provides an option which would net a further Can\$3 million if all shares are taken up.
- **CENTREWAY TRUST:** Agreement has been reached for the acquisition from Mr A P Alderton of Soundcast, which has net assets of £27,800, mainly in cash. Centreway will issue to Mr Alderton 66,198 ordinary shares. He will own 386,198 ordinary shares (7.5 per cent of the enlarged capital).
- **HOPKINSONS HOLDINGS:** Mr Roger Bentley, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the figures for the first quarter of 1986 show a significant improvement on the corresponding period last year — itself a group record.

● **LOPEX:** The offer for sale attracted 1,437 applications for 1.59 million ordinary shares (50.8 per cent) and these will be satisfied in full. Of the applications, 220 were from preferential staff applicants for 314,652 shares — the maximum available to preferential applicants. The balance will be taken up by the underwriters.

● **FIRST SECURITY GROUP:** The formal document dealing with the offer from the British Cash Auction Group has been posted. It incorporates a letter from the chairman of First Security, advising shareholders not to accept the offer.

● **CHARTER CONSOLIDATED:** Notice of Special Shareholders' Meeting of Charter, a subsidiary of Anderson Strathclyde (an offshoot of Charter), has agreed in principle to sell the assets of its mining machinery division to Baker Mining Equipment, a subsidiary of Baker International. The proceeds will enable National Mine to reduce long-term debt.

● **EMPIRE STORES (BRADFORD):** The chairman told the annual meeting that despite the weather, all sections of the spring/summer catalogue were doing well. After the first four periods of this year sales were 13 per cent up on last year and the company was on target to achieve the increased level of profits planned.

● **HOME COUNTIES NEWSPAPERS HOLDINGS:** The chairman said at the annual meeting that the group's newspapers continued to perform satisfactorily and the effects of VAT on advertising have been marginal.

● **PROPERTY AND REVERSIONARY INVESTMENT:** Final dividend 3p, making 4.5p (4.1p); net rental income for the year to March 31 (£000) 3,845 (3,227); pretax profit £84 (2,557); loss 98 (390); minorities debt nil (1); extraordinary credit 68 (420); 292p (272p); earnings per share 5.9p (8p). Following a revaluation including new acquisitions totalling £6 million, the value of group property has increased by 16 per cent.

Law Report June 11 1986

Solicitor at risk cannot open

Bahai v Rashidian and Another (No 2)
Before Mr Justice Drake
Judgment given June 10
Order 62, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court which dealt with the personal liability of a solicitor for costs, did not confer upon him the right or compulsion to open an application for costs against him by showing cause why the order should not be made.

Mr Justice Drake so held in the Queen's Bench Division in ruling on a preliminary point, refusing an application by a solicitor against whom an order was being sought under Order 62, rule 8, to open the application for costs.

In the main action on December 12, 1984, Mr Justice Drake gave judgment for the defendants. They then became the claimants by making an application, which was adjourned, that the solicitor for the plaintiffs, Mr Michael E. Harris, should be made personally liable for the costs incurred.

Following that adjournment, an application was made on behalf of Mr Harris that the issue should be heard by some other judge so as to ensure a fair hearing. The Court of Appeal refused that application holding that it was the duty of the trial judge to adjudicate on the matter (*The Times* October 9, 1985; [1985] 1 WLR 1337).

Mr Colin Brodie, QC, Mr Alan Steinfield and Miss Elizabeth Weaver for the claimants; Mr Jack Hames, QC and Mr Peter Cowell for Mr Harris.

MR JUSTICE DRAKE said that on April 16, 1986 he gave directions, *inter alia*, that the claimants should open their case fully.

Mr Brodie sought to open the case for the claimants, but Mr Hames objected, claiming that Mr Harris had the right which was provided for by Order 62, rule 8 and by observations made in the course of the appeal in *Bahai v Rashidian* and was consistent with remarks made by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in *R & T Thev Ltd v Reeves* ([1982] QB 1283).

Counsel for Mr Harris said in particular that no order should be made against the solicitor unless he was given the opportunity to appeal in court and show cause.

His Lordship said that he did not read Order 62 as conferring upon the solicitor the right or compulsion to open the application by showing cause why he should not pay costs, and he saw that the court had jurisdiction of a compensatory nature but it must not exercise its jurisdiction in such a summary fashion that it deprives the solicitor of the right to show cause that the order should not be made against him.

His Lordship did not see how it could be right that a solicitor should get up and have the full thrust of the burden of showing cause without knowing the full charges against him. It would be unfair to the solicitor and unworkable in practice.

In this case Mr Harris had been given the fullest opportunity to show why claims should not be made against him and his Lordship could see nothing in Order 62 or the authorities to suggest otherwise. Either the rule or his Lordship's order of April 16 should stand.

The application was misconceived and any complaints against his Lordship's order should have been made to the Court of Appeal.

Solicitors: Max Bial Greene & Co; Gasquet Metcalfe & Walton.

Correction

In *M. H. Smith (Plant Hire) Ltd v Mainwaring t/a Inshore* (*The Times* June 10) it was not made clear that the plaintiff company had in fact been dissolved and not merely wound up at the date of the commencement of proceedings.

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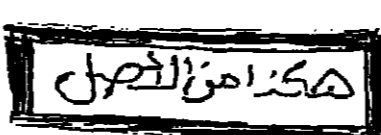
STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities and gilts retreat

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 2. Dealings end on Friday. Contango day June 16. Settlement day June 23. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Main stock exchange table with columns: High, Low, Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Includes sections for Breweries, Buildings and Roads, Finance and Land, Foods, Hotels and Caterers, Industrials A-D, Drapery and Stores, Cinemas and TV, Chemicals, Plastics, Overseas Traders, Paper, Printing, Advert, Property, Mining, Shipping, Motors and Aircraft, Shoes and Leather, Textiles, Newspapers and Publishers, Oil, and Tobacco.

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Times man sells up for £400,000

Sir Denis Hamilton, former chairman of Times Newspapers and chairman of Reuters until 1985, is selling his 18th-century home near Chichester, West Sussex. The house stands in about 5.75 acres, which include a stream, a swimming pool and gardens designed by Lanning Popper.

King and Chesmore's Pulborough office is asking for offers of more than £400,000 for the whole, but the property could be sold in three lots, with a guide price of £235,000-£250,000 for the house.

Home in a tower

The Graph House, at Lockerley, Hampshire, was built in the early 19th century by the Admiralty as one of a chain of towers to link communications and shipping movements between London and Plymouth using the Admiralty Sir Howe Riggs Popnam's semaphore system.

Stocks Mill House at Wittersham, Isle of Sheppey, Kent, is a 16th-century listed building of brick and timber frame, with four reception rooms, two of them oak-panelled, and four main bedrooms.

A king's house

Clarence House, The Vineyard, Richmond, Surrey, — not to be confused with Clarence House in The Mall — is a listed building started in about 1695 and completed in the early Georgian period.



A convent converted: The north court of the renovated building, offering gracious and more luxurious secular living between the hills and the sea

New order for a convent

All manner of buildings undergo conversion to provide modern homes in an older shell, and a transformation at present in progress is that of a convent beautifully situated overlooking Rottmangean, East Sussex, between the South Downs and the sea and with a view of both.

The convent was built in 1911, a solid brick building which remained a convent until the late 1970s. It was bought by Jarvis Brothers and Brewster, a subsidiary of British Land Company in 1984.

The development has an emphasis on security, an increasingly popular trend nowadays, with electronically controlled wrought-iron gates and a secured perimeter providing an assurance of safety and seclusion within.

Nigel Cornish, the managing director, says the ease of access with Gatwick Airport half an hour away, Heathrow one hour by the M25, the Newhaven ferry close by, and London an hour and a half away by car — will appeal to many London and international clients.

The development includes one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments, two penthouses and four-bedroom houses, fully equipped, with mainly underground parking to preserve the environment, although there are double garages for some of the units.

Penthouses with views over the countryside

An apartment with two bedrooms, two bathrooms and one reception room, to £193,500 for a town house with four bedrooms, two bathrooms and two reception rooms. Two penthouses are now being completed, and will have excellent views over the countryside.

Clifford Dana and Partners, of Lewes, are joint sole agents with Chestertons, which is likely to be needed by many buyers.

PROPERTY BUYERS' GUIDE COUNTRY PROPERTIES

KENT - BETWEEN FOLKESTONE AND CANTERBURY. ACRISE PLACE, NEAR ELHAM. A well known Country House of Elizabethan, late Stuart and late Georgian Periods. Listed Grade II.

JOHN D WOOD SURREY IN THE HEART OF THE EXCLUSIVE ST. GEORGES HILL PRIVATE ESTATE, POSSIBLY THE FINEST BUILDING PLOTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE Near Henley-On-Thames. Principal house with superb accommodation. Integral guest or staff accommodation.

STRUTT & PARKER 125 ACRES THE JEVINGTON PLACE ESTATE. An important residential and equestrian estate. An imposing Victorian Listed House (with 4 secondary bedrooms).

OXFORDSHIRE - Thame. Princes Parkway 49 miles. Charming mill house, with complete mill workings, with spacious and well decorated accommodation situated in peaceful rural surroundings.

McCartsneys CHARACTER PROPERTIES WITH LAND. SHEPPOURGE/POWYS BORDERS. A beautiful detached 4 bedroomed country house with stone walls and a large country garden and 2 acres of land.

PROWLING BUILDING FOR BETTER LIVING. CHARLTON KINGS, CHELTENHAM. Magnificent architect designed 4 and 5 bedroomed detached residences in prime position at Charlton Kings on the south coast of Cheltenham.

HEREFORDSHIRE, WORCS., & SHROPS. VILLAGE SETTING OVERLOOKING HEREFORDSHIRE. 1830-40, 4 bedrooms, Charles, Reception, Sun Lounge, 1/2 acre garden, 1500 sq ft, 2000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft.

Lane Fox & Partners with Rylands HAMPSHIRE - 403 ACRES. Alan 2 miles, Odham 8 miles, Basingstoke 10 miles, London 48 miles.

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OXFORDSHIRE - Oxford 14 miles, London 63 miles. AN IMPRESSIVE FORMER RECTORY IN IMMACULATE ORDER on edge of small village.

GLoucestershire - RIVER THAMES. Latchley 1 mile, Faringdon 7 miles, Cirencester 12 miles. A FASCINATING PART 17th CENTURY MILL HOUSE.

FRINTON-ON-SEA. 3 Bedroom Chalets & Bungalows. 4000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft.

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OXFORDSHIRE. City Centre 3 miles, London 55 miles. AN EXCEPTIONALLY APPROPRIATED FAMILY HOUSE in superb rural surroundings.

NEAR SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE. Salisbury 5 miles, Wilton 1 1/2 miles, London 87 miles. Charming and imaginatively converted Mill idyllically situated in a village on The River Nadder.

LITTON, NEAR WELLS, SOMERSET. Bath and Bristol 14 miles, Wells 7 miles. Fine residence built mainly in the 18th Century set impressively within a mature walled garden.

HAYWARDS HEATH, MID SUSSEX. London (Victoria & London Bridge) 45 miles. A spacious and well equipped family house with landscaped gardens in select Residential area close to excellent commuter travel facilities.

BECKLEY. Former Coaching Inn circa 1740. Stone wall grade II listed country inn, 1000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft.

THAMES ISLAND. In Oxford with DIALLET, adjacent to 10 1/2 acre golf course. EXTENSIVE MORGONING & FISHING.

NORTH EAST. NORTH WEST. EDEN VALLEY NEAR APPLEBY IN WESTYORKSHIRE. Magnificent Victorian Manor house (together with 2 holiday cottages) priced at £5,000 p.w.

COLCHESTER HIGHCESTER. 3, 4 & 5 Bedroom Detached Houses and Bungalows. 2000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft.

SOMERSET & AVON. NEAR TAUNTON. 18th Century Country House, 4000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft.

SCOTLAND. ISLE OF BUTTE 3, The Cottage, Forth Burgh, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft, 2000 sq ft.

TENNIS

DePalmer survivor of 'Russian roulette' with English No. 1

Mike DePalmer, an American left-hander who beat Jimmy Connors at the Queen's Club last year and has not set the Thames or any other river on fire since, managed to attract most of the attention on the second day of the Stella Artois championships.

strong a term - of Russian roulette. The American, dark and thick-set and generally more adept at doubles than singles, was serving first in the third set so it was Lloyd who was under constant pressure.

bledon champion in the Australian Open last December but he could make little impression on Connors who looked as if he had been keeping himself in good shape during his enforced respite from the tour.

In fact, apart from three exhibition tournaments, he insisted he had done nothing for four and a half weeks except enjoy himself with his family.

RESULTS: Men's singles: First round: B Becker (FR) vs K Flach (US), 6-2, 6-2; P Fleming (US) vs N Diller (USA), 7-5, 6-7, 5-7; C Van Rensburg (SA) vs L Lavalle (Mex), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; S Zvonkovic (YUG) vs B Mac (SA), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; K Woodhouse (AUS) vs G Dornier (FR), 7-5, 6-7, 6-4; M DePalmer (US) vs J Lloyd (GB), 6-1, 4-6, 13-11.

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As it was DePalmer and Lloyd were condemned to the frustration - fear may be too



Connors: in action at Queen's after 10 weeks out of tennis (Photograph: Peter Llewellyn).

CRICKET: LEICESTERSHIRE ON THE CLIMB AS THEY RECORD THEIR SECOND SUCCESSIVE WIN

Fletcher digs in as Essex give Middlesex Compelling final up the chase for victory fear Hadlee act at Hove

CHELMSFORD: Essex (6pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (7). Essex, the British Assurance Championship leaders, bravely chased a target of 293 in 260 minutes yesterday on a dusty, worn pitch.

Mike Garring, the new England captain, has quickly turned his thoughts towards county affairs and Middlesex's Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final against Nottinghamshire at Lord's today.

The first time, though he had previously achieved the feat for England. Foster also held two catches at deep square-leg, the batsman hit out against Childs, who, near the end, claimed three for 12 in 26 balls.

Zimbabwe favoured to retain ICC Trophy Maynard makes his point

The ICC Trophy, for the cricketing nations which are associate members of the International Cricket Conference, begins in the Midlands today.

Surrey v Derbyshire

Surrey (22pts) beat Derbyshire (5) by 21 runs. LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 286 (P A Potter 88, M Khan 51 for 52).

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Sussex v Leics AT HOVE 'H J Gould c Bown b De Freitas 8 D A Reeves b De Freitas 3

Hampsten leads

Winterthur, Switzerland (AF) - Andrew Hampsten led the 1983 world road cycling champion Greg LeMond for a 1-2 American finish in a race against the clock opening the 10th Tour of Switzerland.

Gola at Molinoux

Wolverhampton Wanderers could be playing non-league football next season. A unique rescue package being prepared by the Receiver, Adrian Swaney, includes a plan for Wolverhampton to swap places with the Gola League champion, Enfield.

Blue Dragons find lack of home costly

Blue Dragons Rugby League team, suspended from the second division last season after being left without a home venue, are still searching for a ground.

Smillie battles to beat elements

A fierce gusting wind coupled with an unrealistic par of 71 for the West Sussex course at Pulborough produced some unflattering scores on the first day of the British women's championship yesterday.

PGA members will be asked to aid foundation

The Professional Golfers Association is to launch a scheme to improve the financial state of the golf foundation, the organization responsible for the development of junior golf in Great Britain.

Boxing Launching of Cruz

Steve Cruz is a name that is not going to set the headlines on this side of the Atlantic - or on the other side for that matter.

Rugby League Croquet

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Advertisement for La Crème de la Crème, featuring a woman's face and the text 'WEDNESDAY GENERAL APPOINTMENTS'.

Advertisement for 'Gola at Molinoux' and 'Joughin's task', mentioning Wolverhampton Wanderers and a race.

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Advertisement for 'New Zealand pair find touch in wet', mentioning the Australian and New Zealand players.

Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank...
7.55, 8.25 and 8.55 regional news...
10.50 Cricket. Peter West...
1.20 News After Moon with Richard Whitmore...

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain...
8.25 Thames news headlines...
11.55 The Car Street (4 of 10)...
12.30 Under the Skin...
1.00 News...
2.30 The Home Movie Front...

CHOICE



Mary Berry: Cooking for Celebrations, TV 3, 3.30pm

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Berry convinces us she's ideal for engagement parties. In this, she shows herself to be a traditionalist because, as we are reminded in 'YOU'RE GOTTA HAVE HEART' (TV, 3.30pm)...

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moment when Ernie Wise, patting his TV-viewer's tummy, tells us that watching him might be just asking for trouble.

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On long wave. VHF variations at 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News Briefing...
7.45 Groundswell. Whether or not farmers are taking the environment seriously...

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On medium wave. VHF variations at 6.55 Weather, 7.00 News...
7.05 The Archers...
7.25 In Business. What the Japanese are up to in the 80s...

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